Mary's Prayer Book

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Most humbly dedicated to the
Blessed Virgin Mary

"We ought always to pray.
Pray, lest ye enter into temptation.
Be instant in prayer."

(Saint Luke 18:1; 22:40; Colossians 4:2)

"Let nothing hinder thee from praying always."

(Ecclesiasticus 18:22)

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Instructions

Omit the prayers for the pope when the Holy See is vacant; that is, when the Catholic Church has no pope reigning. However, some of these prayers have substitute prayers for when the Holy See is vacant.

When the Holy See is vacant, prayers for the pope that are needed to gain indulgences are replaced by prayers for the papacy and a future Roman Pontiff.

Advent Prayers

St. Andrew Advent Prayer

(From November 30 through Christmas Eve)

Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Blessed Virgin Mary at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my petitions. Through the merits of Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Psalms for Prayer and Meditation

Drop down dew from above, ye heavens, and let the clouds rain the Just One; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior. (Isa. 45:8)

Beginning on the First Sunday of Advent, recite daily the prayer for the appropriate week.

First Week

1. Rejoice, O daughter of Sion, and be jubilantly glad, O daughter of Israel. Behold, thy Lord comes, and in His day a great light shall arise; the mountains shall drop down sweetness and the hills shall flow with milk and honey, for the Great Prophet shall come and He shall renew Jerusalem. (R. Brev.)

Antiphon: Come, let us adore Our Lord and King who is about to come to us!

2. Behold, thy God comes, the Man of the House of David, to sit upon the throne; and you shall see and your heart shall rejoice. (R. Brev.)

Antiphon

Second Week

1. Behold, the Lord, our protector, comes, the Holy One of Israel, having on His head the regal crown, and He shall rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth. (Apoc. 14:14; Ps. 71:8)

Antiphon

2. Behold, the Lord comes, and He will not lie; should He tarry, await Him, for He shall assuredly come and shall not delay. (R. Brev.)

Antiphon

Third Week

1. The Lord shall come down as rain upon the fleece; and in His days shall justice spring up and abundance of peace; and all kings of the earth shall adore Him: all nations serve Him. (Ps. 71:6, 7, 11)

Antiphon

2. A Child is born to us, and He shall be called the Mighty God; He shall sit upon the throne of David, His father, and shall rule; for the government is upon His shoulders. (Isa. 9:6)

Antiphon

Fourth Week

1. And thou, Bethlehem Ephrata, art a little one among the thousands of Juda: out of thee shall He come forth unto me that is to be the ruler in Israel: and His going forth is from the beginning, from the days of eternity. (Mich. 5:2)

Antiphon

2. Our forerunner, Jesus, the Lamb undefiled, has entered the Holy of Holies for us, having become a High Priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech... He is the King of Justice...having neither beginning of days nor end of life. (Heb. 6:20; 7:2-3)

Antiphon

Advent Prayers in Preparation for Christmas

This prayer does not have to be said daily. You can say it once a week on Sundays within Advent.

O Infant Saviour, many times in life we have prepared for guests about to enter our beloved household. Some guests were important, but not nearly as important as the heavenly Visitor for whom we now prepare our hearts. The prophets of old longed for Thy coming into their world. We long for Thy return to our modern world. If Advent means the coming of Christ, there is nothing we need so badly today as an advent—another coming of Thyself and Thy Catholic faith and principles into our pagan

times. Only then will we breathe in a Christian atmosphere in which joy replaces sorrow, in which love casts out darkness. O Mary, my mother, be my model this holy season. Christ was alive within thee during the first Advent. We want Him to be alive within us more than ever during this, our Advent. May we not merely possess our precious Catholic faith—rather, may it take complete possession of us so that wherever we go, whatever we do or say, it will be the Christ Child that inspires us. We resolve to make our Christmas a holy day with Christ instead of a holiday without Him. We resolve to observe Christmas as the birthday of Christ, not merely as a day to give and receive merchandise; and we resolve to help one poor family in honor of the Holy Family of Bethlehem. We promise to remember that the real symbols of Christmas are the star, the stable, and the crib—not Santa and his reindeer, the pagan characters created to deny the real meaning of Christmas. Finally, we promise every day to give glory to God in the highest and to work and pray for the conversion of sinners and peace on earth among men of good will. Amen.

Lenten Prayers

The Penitential Psalms

Psalm 6:

Domine, ne in furore: A prayer of a penitent sinner, under the scourge of God. The first penitential psalm. Unto the end, in verses, a psalm for David, for the octave.

Remember not.

O Lord, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled. And my soul is troubled exceedingly: but thou, O Lord, how long? Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy's sake. For there is no one in death, that is mindful of thee: and who shall confess to thee in hell? I have laboured in my groanings, every night I will wash my bed: I will water my couch with my tears. My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amongst all my enemies. Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication: the Lord hath received my prayer. Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled: let them be turned back, and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be…

Psalm 31:

Beati quorum: The second penitential psalm. To David himself, understanding.

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile. Because I was silent my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened. I have acknowledged my sin to thee, and my injustice I have not concealed. I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord: and thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin. For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee in a seasonable time. And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him. Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me. I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in this way, in which thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon thee. Do not become like the horse and the mule, who have no understanding. With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee. Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just, and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be…

Psalm 37:

Domine, ne in furore: A prayer of a penitent for the remission of his sins. The third penitential psalm. A psalm for David, for a remembrance of the sabbath.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy indignation; nor chastise me in thy wrath. For thy arrows are fastened in me: and thy hand hath been strong upon me. There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins. For my iniquities are gone over my head: and as a heavy burden are become heavy upon me. My sores are

putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness. I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all the day long. For my loins are filled with illusions; and there is no health in my flesh. I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly: I roared with the groaning of my heart. Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hidden from thee. My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me. My friends and my neighbours have drawn near, and stood against me. And they that were near me stood afar off: And they that sought my soul used violence. And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long. But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and as a dumb man not opening his mouth. And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth. For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped: thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God. For I said: Lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me: and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me. For I am ready for scourges: and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare my iniquity: and I will think for my sin. But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied. They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness. Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not thou depart from me. Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

Glory be…

Psalm 50:

Miserere: The repentance and confession of David after his sin. The fourth penitential psalm. Unto the end, a psalm of David, When Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had sinned with Bethsabee. [2 Kings]

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity. Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me. To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayst be justified in thy words, and mayst overcome when thou art judged. For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me. For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow. To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels. Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit. I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee. Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice. O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise. For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted. A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up. Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt offerings: then shall they lay calves upon thy altar.

Glory be…

Psalm 101:

Domine, exaudi: A prayer for one in affliction: the fifth penitential psalm. The prayer of the poor man, when he was anxious, and poured out his supplication before the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: and let my cry come to thee. Turn not away thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me. In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily. For my days are vanished like smoke, and my bones are grown dry like fuel for the fire. I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread. Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh. I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night raven in the house. I have watched, and am become as a sparrow all alone on the housetop. All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me. For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping. Because of thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up thou hast thrown me down. My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass. But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever: and thy memorial to all generations. Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion: for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come. For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof. All the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory. For the Lord hath built up Sion: and he shall be seen in his glory. He

hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and he hath not despised their petition. Let these things be written unto another generation: and the people that shall be created shall praise the Lord: Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth. That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that he might release the children of the slain: That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion: and his praise in Jerusalem; When the people assemble together, and kings, to serve the Lord. He answered him in the way of his strength: Declare unto me the fewness of my days. Call me not away in the midst of my days: thy years are unto generation and generation. In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the works of thy hands. They shall perish but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old like a garment: And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed. But thou art always the selfsame, and thy years shall not fail. The children of thy servants shall continue and their seed shall be directed for ever.

Glory be…

Psalm 129 (*De Profundis*):

De profundis: A prayer of a sinner, trusting in the mercies of God. The sixth penitential psalm. A gradual canticle.

Out of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities: Lord, who shall stand it. For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord. My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy: and with him plentiful redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be…

Psalm 142:

Domine, exaudi: The psalmist in tribulation calleth upon God for his delivery. The seventh penitential psalm. A psalm of David, when his son Absalom pursued him. [2 Kings]

Hear, O Lord, my prayer: give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hear me in thy justice. And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight no man living shall be justified. For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth. He hath made me to dwell in darkness as those that have been dead of old: And my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled. I remembered the days of old, I meditated on all thy works: I meditated upon the works of thy hands. I stretched forth my hands to thee: my soul is as earth without water unto thee. Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away. Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit. Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning; for in thee have I hoped. Make the way known to me, wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to thee. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, to thee have I fled: Teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God. Thy good spirit shall lead me into the right land: for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice. Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: And in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies. And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

Glory be…

Antiphon: Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; nor take Thou revenge of our sins.

The Stations of the Cross

Indulgences Gained by Praying This Devotion

The faithful, whether singly or in company, who with at least a contrite heart perform the pious exercise of the Way of the Cross, when the latter has been legitimately erected according to the prescriptions of the Holy See, may gain:

A plenary indulgence, as often as they perform the same;

Another plenary indulgence, if they receive Holy Communion on the same day or even within a month after having made the Stations ten times;

An indulgence of 10 years for each station, if for some reasonable cause they are unable to complete the entire Way of the Cross.

The same indulgences are valid for the following:

a) Those at sea, prisoners, sick persons, and those who live in pagan countries, as well as those who are lawfully hindered from making the Stations in their ordinary form, provided they hold in their hand a crucifix, blessed for this purpose by a priest with the proper faculties, and recite with a contrite heart and devout sentiments an *Our Father, Hail Mary,* and *Glory Be* for each of

the fourteen stations; and then five times in honor of the five sacred wounds of our Lord; and then one time for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff. If reasonably prevented from saying all, they are entitled to a partial indulgence of 10 years for each recitation of the *Our Father, Hail Mary,* and *Glory Be.*

b) The sick, who on account of their condition cannot without serious inconvenience or difficulty perform the Way of the Cross in its ordinary form or in the shorter form described in paragraph a), may gain all the indulgences if they devoutly and contritely kiss or at least fix their eyes upon a crucifix duly blessed for this purpose, which is held before them by a priest or some other person, and they recite, if possible, some short prayer or ejaculation in memory of the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. *(Clement XIV, Audience, Jan. 26, 1773; S. C. Ind., Sept. 16, 1859; S. P. Ap., March 25, 1931, Oct. 20, 1931, and March 18, 1932).*

According to the Method 1

Let each one, kneeling before the high altar, make an Act of Contrition and form the intention of gaining the indulgences connected to this devotion, whether for himself or for the souls in purgatory. Then say:

Preparatory Prayer

All: My Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast made this journey to die for me with love unutterable, and I have so many times unworthily abandoned Thee; but now I love Thee with my whole heart, and because I love Thee, I repent sincerely for ever having offended Thee. Pardon me, my God, and permit me to accompany Thee on this journey. Thou goest to die for love of me; I wish also, my beloved Redeemer, to die for love of Thee. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to Thee.

The First Station

Jesus Is Condemned to Death

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that Jesus, after having been scourged and crowned with thorns, was unjustly condemned by Pilate to die on the cross.

All: My adorable Jesus, it was not Pilate, no, it was my sins that condemned Thee to die. I beseech Thee, by the merits of this sorrowful journey, to assist my soul in its journey towards eternity. I love Thee, my beloved Jesus; I love Thee more than myself; I repent with my whole heart of having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

At the cross her station keeping, / Stood the mournful Mother weeping, / Close to Jesus to the last.

The Second Station

Jesus Is Made to Carry His Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that Jesus, in making this journey with the cross on His shoulders, thought of us and offered for us to His Father the death He was about to undergo.

All: My most beloved Jesus, I embrace all the tribulations Thou hast destined for me until death. I beseech Thee, by the merits of the pain Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross, to give me the necessary help to carry mine with perfect patience and resignation. I love Thee, Jesus, my love; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to separate myself from Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Through her heart, His sorrow

sharing, / All His bitter anguish bearing, / Now at length the sword has passed.

The Third Station

Jesus Falls the First Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider this first fall of Jesus under His cross. His flesh was torn by the scourges, His head crowned with thorns, and He had lost a great quantity of blood. He was so weakened that He could scarcely walk, and yet He had to carry this great load upon His shoulders. The soldiers struck Him rudely, and thus He fell several times in His journey.

All: My beloved Jesus, it is not the weight of the cross, but of my sins, which have made Thee suffer so much pain. Ah, by the merits of this first fall, deliver me from the misfortune of falling into mortal sin. I love Thee, O my Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Oh, how sad and sore distressed / Was that Mother highly blessed / Of the sole-begotten One!

The Fourth Station

Jesus Meets His Sorrowful Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider the meeting of the Son and the Mother which took place on this journey. Jesus and Mary looked at each other, and their looks became as so many arrows to wound those hearts which loved each other so tenderly.

All: My most loving Jesus, by the sorrow Thou didst experience in this meeting, grant me the grace of a truly devoted love for Thy most holy Mother. And thou, my Queen, who wast overwhelmed with sorrow, obtain for me by thy intercession a continual and tender remembrance of the Passion of thy Son. I love Thee, Jesus, my love; I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Christ above in torment hangs, / She beneath beholds the pangs / Of her dying, glorious Son.

The Fifth Station

Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that the Jews, seeing that at each step Jesus from weakness was on the point of expiring, and fearing that He would die on the way when they wished Him to die the ignominious death of the cross, constrained Simon the Cyrenian to carry the cross behind our Lord.

All: My most sweet Jesus, I will not refuse the cross as the Cyrenian did; I accept it, I embrace it. I accept in particular the death that Thou hast destined for me, with all the pains that may accompany it. I unite it to Thy death; I offer it to Thee. Thou hast died for love of me! I will die for love of Thee, and to please Thee. Help me by Thy grace. I love

Thee, Jesus, my love; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Is there one who would not weep / Whelmed in miseries so deep / Christ's dear Mother to behold?

The Sixth Station

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that the holy woman named Veronica, seeing Jesus so afflicted and His face bathed in sweat and blood, presented Him with a towel with which He wiped His adorable face, leaving on it the impression of His holy countenance.

All: My most beloved Jesus, Thy face was beautiful before, but in this journey it has lost all its beauty, and wounds and blood have disfigured it. Alas! my soul also was once beautiful when it received Thy grace in Baptism, but I have disfigured it since by my sins. Thou alone, my Redeemer, canst restore it to its former beauty. Do this by Thy Passion, O Jesus. I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Can the human heart refrain / From partaking in her pain, / In that Mother's pain untold?

The Seventh Station

Jesus Falls the Second Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider the second fall of Jesus under the cross—a fall which renews the pains of all the wounds of the head and members of our afflicted Lord.

All: My most gentle Jesus, how many times Thou hast pardoned me, and how many times have I fallen again and begun again to offend Thee! Oh, by the merits of this new fall, give me the necessary helps to persevere in Thy grace until death. Grant that in all temptations which assail me I may always commend myself to Thee. I love Thee, Jesus, my love, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled, / She beheld her tender Child, / All with bloody scourges rent.

The Eighth Station

The Women of Jerusalem Weep over Jesus

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that those women wept with compassion at seeing Jesus in so pitiable a state, streaming with blood, as He walked along. But Jesus said to them, "Weep not for Me, but for your children."

All: My Jesus, laden with sorrows, I weep for the offences that I have committed against Thee because of the pains which they have deserved, and still more because of the displeasure which they have caused Thee, who hast loved me so much. It is Thy love, more than the fear of hell, which causes me to weep for my sins. My Jesus, I love Thee more than myself; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

For the sins of His own nation / Saw Him hang in desolation / Till His spirit forth He sent.

The Ninth Station

Jesus Falls the Third Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider the third fall of Jesus Christ. His weakness was extreme, and the cruelty of His executioners excessive, who tried to hasten His steps when He had scarcely strength to move.

All: Ah, my outraged Jesus, by the merits of the weakness that Thou didst suffer in going to Calvary, give me strength sufficient to conquer all human respect and all my wicked passions, which have led me to despise Thy friendship. I love Thee, Jesus, my love, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

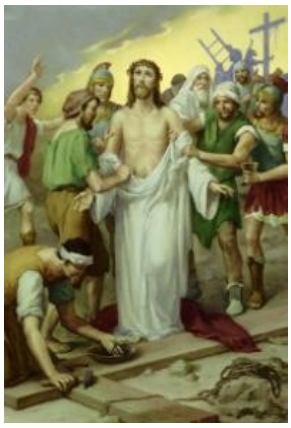
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

O thou Mother! fount of love, / Touch my spirit from above. / Make my heart with thine accord.

The Tenth Station

Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments



V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider the violence with which the executioners stripped Jesus. His inner garments adhered to His torn flesh, and they dragged them off so roughly that the skin came with them. Compassionate your Saviour thus cruelly treated, and say to Him:

All: My innocent Jesus, by the merits of the torment which Thou hast felt, help me to strip myself of all affection to things of earth in order that I may place all my love in Thee, who art so worthy of my love. I love Thee, O Jesus, with my whole heart; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Make me feel as thou hast felt; / Make my soul to glow and melt / With the love of Christ, my Lord.

The Eleventh Station

Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that Jesus, after being thrown on the cross, extended His hands and offered to His Eternal Father the sacrifice of

His life for our salvation. These barbarians fastened Him with nails, and then, raising the cross, left Him to die with anguish on this infamous gibbet.

All: My Jesus, loaded with contempt, nail my heart to Thy feet that it may ever remain there to love Thee and never quit Thee again. I love Thee more than myself; I repent of having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Holy Mother, pierce me through! / In my heart each wound renew / Of my Savior crucified.

The Twelfth Station

Jesus Is Raised upon the Cross, and Dies

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

(*remain kneeling until the hymn*)

Leader: Consider how thy Jesus, after three hours of agony on the cross, consumed at length with anguish, abandons Himself to the weight of His body, bows His head, and dies.

All: O my dying Jesus, I kiss devoutly the cross on which Thou didst die for love of me. I have merited by my sins to die a miserable death, but Thy death is my hope. Ah, by the merits of Thy death, give me grace to die embracing Thy feet and burning with love for Thee. I commit my soul into Thy hands. I love Thee with my whole heart; I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Let me share with thee His pain, / Who for all our sins was slain, / Who for me in torments died.

The Thirteenth Station

Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross and Placed in the Arms of His Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that our Lord having expired, two of His disciples, Joseph and Nicodemus, took Him down from the cross and placed Him in the arms of His afflicted Mother, who received Him with unutterable tenderness and pressed Him to her bosom.

All: O Mother of Sorrow, for the love of this Son, accept me for thy servant and pray to Him for me. And Thou, my Redeemer, since Thou hast died for me, permit me to love Thee; for I wish but Thee, my Jesus, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Let me mingle tears with thee, / Mourning Him who mourned for me, / All the days that I may live.

The Fourteenth Station

Jesus Is Laid in the Sepulchre

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Consider that the disciples carried the body of Jesus to bury it, accompanied by His holy Mother, who arranged it in the sepulchre with her own hands. They then closed the tomb, and all withdrew.

All: Ah, my buried Jesus, I kiss the stone that encloses Thee. But Thou didst rise again the third day. I beseech Thee, by Thy resurrection, make my soul rise to Thee in heaven at my death and make my body rise glorious at the Last Day, that I may praise Thee and love Thee forever. I love Thee, and I repent of ever having offended Thee. Never permit me to offend Thee again. Grant that I may love Thee always, and then do with me what Thou wilt.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

By the cross with thee to stay, / There with thee to weep and pray, / Is all I ask of thee to give.

Return now to the high altar and complete the devotion by saying the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be, *five times, in honor of the Passion of Jesus Christ.*

Prayer to Jesus Crucified

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Thy sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul, I pray and beseech Thee that Thou wouldst impress upon my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, with true contrition for my sins and a firm purpose of amendment; while with deep affection and grief of soul, I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Thy five wounds, having before my eyes the words which David the prophet put on Thy lips concerning Thee, O good Jesus: "They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all my bones."

At the end, recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be *for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff (or if the See is vacant: for the intention of a future Roman Pontiff and the papacy); this will fulfill the requirements for a plenary indulgence connected to this devotion if the other requirements are also fulfilled.*

Optional: Stabat Mater (conclusion), p. 24.

According to the Method of St. Francis of Assisi
Let each one, kneeling before the high altar, make an Act of Contrition.

Preparatory Prayer

All: O most merciful Jesus, with a contrite heart and penitent spirit, I bow down in profound humility before Thy divine majesty. I adore Thee as my supreme Lord and Master; I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, I love Thee above all things. I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, my Supreme and Only Good. I resolve to amend my life; and although I am unworthy to obtain mercy, yet the sight of Thy holy cross, on which Thou didst die, inspires me with hope and consolation. I will, therefore, meditate on Thy sufferings and visit the stations of Thy Passion in company with Thy sorrowful Mother and my guardian angel, with the intention of promoting Thy honor and saving my soul.

I desire to gain all the indulgences granted for this holy exercise for myself and for the Poor Souls in purgatory. O merciful Redeemer, who hast said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to Myself," draw my heart and my love to Thee, that I may perform this devotion as perfectly as possible, and that I may live and die in union with Thee. Amen.

FIRST STATION

Jesus Is Condemned to Death

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Jesus, most innocent, who neither did nor could commit a sin, was condemned to death, and moreover, to the most ignominious death of the cross. To remain a friend of Caesar, Pilate delivered Him into the hands of His enemies. A fearful crime—to condemn Innocence to death, and to offend God in order not to displease men!

All: O innocent Jesus! I having sinned am guilty of eternal death; but Thou willingly dost accept the unjust sentence of death, that I might live. For whom, then, shall I henceforth live, if not for Thee, my Lord? Should I desire to please men, I could not be Thy servant. Let me, therefore, rather

displease men and all the world than displease Thee, O Jesus.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

At the cross her station keeping, / Stood the mournful Mother weeping, / Close to Jesus to the last.

SECOND STATION

Jesus Is Made to Carry His Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: When our divine Saviour beheld the cross, He most willingly stretched out His bleeding arms, lovingly embraced it, and tenderly kissed it; and placing it on His bruised shoulders, He, although almost exhausted, joyfully carried it.

All: O my Jesus, I cannot be Thy friend and follower if I refuse to carry the cross. O dearly beloved cross! I embrace thee, I kiss thee, I joyfully accept thee from the hands of my God. Far be it from me to glory in anything, save in the cross of my Lord and Redeemer. By it the world shall be crucified to me and I to the world, that I may be Thine forever.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Through her heart, His sorrow sharing, / All His bitter anguish bearing, / Now at length the sword has passed.

THIRD STATION

Jesus Falls the First Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Our dear Saviour, carrying the cross, was so weakened by its heavy weight as to fall exhausted to the ground. Our sins and misdeeds were the heavy burden which oppressed Him: the cross was to Him light and sweet, but our sins were galling and insupportable.

All: O my Jesus, Thou didst bear my burden and the heavy weight of my sins. Should I, then, not bear in union with Thee my easy burden of suffering and accept the sweet yoke of Thy commandments? Thy yoke is sweet and Thy burden is light: I therefore willingly accept it. I will take up my cross and follow Thee.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Oh, how sad and sore distressed / Was that Mother highly blessed / Of the sole-begotten One!

FOURTH STATION

Jesus Meets His Sorrowful Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: How painful and how sad it must have been for Mary, the sorrowful Mother, to behold her beloved Son, laden with the burden of the cross! What unspeakable pangs her most tender heart experienced! How earnestly did she desire to die in place of Jesus, or at least with Him! Implore this sorrowful Mother that she assist you in the hour of your death.

All: O Jesus, O Mary, I am the cause of the great and manifold pains which pierce thy loving hearts! Oh, that also my heart would feel and experience at least some of thy sufferings! O Mother

of Sorrows, let me participate in the sufferings which thou and thy Son endured for me, and let me experience thy sorrow so that, afflicted with thee, I may enjoy thy assistance in the hour of my death.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Christ above in torment hangs, / She beneath beholds the pangs / Of her dying, glorious Son.

FIFTH STATION

Simon of Cyrene Helps Jesus to Carry His Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Simon of Cyrene was compelled to help Jesus carry His cross, and Jesus accepted his assistance. How willingly would He also permit you to carry the cross: He calls, but you hear Him not; He invites you, but you decline. What a reproach, to bear the cross reluctantly!

All: O Jesus! Whosoever does not take up his cross and follow Thee is not worthy of Thee. Behold, I join Thee in the Way of Thy Cross; I will be Thy assistant, following Thy bloody footsteps, that I may come to Thee to eternal life.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Is there one who would not weep / Whelmed in miseries so deep / Christ's dear Mother to behold?

SIXTH STATION

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Veronica, impelled by devotion and compassion, presents her veil to Jesus to wipe His disfigured face. And Jesus imprints on it His holy countenance: a great recompense for so small a service. What return do you make to your Saviour for His great and manifold benefits?

All: Most merciful Jesus! What return shall I make for all the benefits Thou hast bestowed upon me? Behold, I consecrate myself entirely to Thy service. I offer and consecrate to Thee my heart: imprint on it Thy sacred image, never again to be effaced by sin.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Can the human heart refrain / From partaking in her pain, / In that Mother's pain untold?

SEVENTH STATION

Jesus Falls the Second Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: The suffering Jesus, under the weight of His cross, again falls to the ground; but the cruel executioners do not permit Him to rest a moment. Pushing and striking Him, they urge Him onward. It is the frequent repetition of our sins which oppresses Jesus. Witnessing this, how can I continue to sin?

All: O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! Offer me Thy helping hand, and aid me that I may not fall again into my former sins. From this very moment I will earnestly strive to reform: nevermore will I sin! Thou, O sole support of the weak, by Thy grace,

without which I can do nothing, strengthen me to carry out faithfully this my resolution.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Bruised, derided, cursed, defiled, / She beheld her tender Child, / All with bloody scourges rent.

EIGHTH STATION

The Women of Jerusalem Weep over Jesus

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: These devoted women, moved by compassion, weep over the suffering Saviour. But He turns to them, saying: "Weep not for Me, who am innocent, but weep for yourselves and for your children." Weep thou also, for there is nothing more pleasing to Our Lord and nothing more profitable for thyself than tears shed from contrition for thy sins.

All: O Jesus, who shall give to my eyes a torrent of tears that day and night I may weep for my sins? I beseech Thee, through Thy bitter and bloody tears, to move my heart by Thy divine grace, so that from my eyes, tears may flow abundantly, and that I may weep all my days over Thy sufferings, and still more over their cause, my sins.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

For the sins of His own nation / Saw Him hang in desolation / Till His spirit forth He sent.

NINTH STATION

Jesus Falls the Third Time

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Jesus, arriving exhausted at the foot of Calvary, falls for the third time to the ground. His love for us, however, is not diminished, not extinguished. What a fearfully oppressive burden our sins must be to cause Jesus to fall so often! Had He, however, not taken them upon Himself, they would have plunged us into the abyss of hell.

All: Most merciful Jesus, I return Thee infinite thanks for giving me the grace and help to not continue in sin and to not fall, as I have so often deserved, into the depths of hell. Enkindle in me an earnest desire of amendment; let me never again relapse, but vouchsafe me the grace to persevere in penance to the end of my life.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

O thou Mother! fount of love, / Touch my spirit from above. / Make my heart with thine accord.

TENTH STATION

Jesus Is Stripped of His Garments

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: When Our Saviour had arrived on Calvary, He was cruelly despoiled of His garments. How painful this must have been because they adhered to His wounded and torn body, and with them parts of His bloody skin were removed! All the wounds of Jesus are renewed. Jesus was despoiled of His garments that He might die possessed of nothing; how happy will I also die after laying aside my former self with all evil desires and sinful inclinations!

All: Induce me, O Jesus, to lay aside my former self and to be renewed according to Thy will and desire. I will not spare myself, however painful this should be for me: despoiled of things temporal, of my own will, I desire to die in order to live for Thee forever.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Make me feel as thou hast felt; /
Make my soul to glow and melt /
With the love of Christ, my Lord.

ELEVENTH STATION

Jesus Is Nailed to the Cross

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Jesus, being stripped of His garments, was violently thrown upon the cross and His hands and feet nailed thereto. In such excruciating pains He remained silent because it pleased His heavenly Father. He suffered patiently because He suffered for me. How do I act in sufferings and in troubles? How fretful and impatient, how full of complaints I am!

All: O Jesus, gracious Lamb of God, I renounce forever my impatience. Crucify, O Lord, my flesh and its concupiscences; scourge, scathe, and punish me in this world, but spare me in the next. I commit my destiny to Thee, resigning myself to Thy holy will: may it be done in all things!

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Holy Mother, pierce me through! /
In my heart each wound renew /
Of my Savior crucified.

TWELFTH STATION

Jesus Is Raised upon the Cross and Dies

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

(*remain kneeling until the hymn*)

Leader: Behold Jesus crucified! Behold His wounds, received for love of you! His whole appearance betokens love: His head is bent to kiss you; His arms are extended to embrace you; His Heart is open to receive you. O superabundance of love, Jesus, the Son of God, dies upon the cross, that man may live and be delivered from everlasting death!

All: O most amiable Jesus! Who will grant me that I may die for Thee! I will at least endeavor to die to the world. How must I regard the world and its vanities when I behold Thee hanging on the cross, covered with wounds? O Jesus, receive me into Thy wounded Heart: I belong entirely to Thee; for Thee alone do I desire to live and to die.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Let me share with thee His pain, /
Who for all our sins was slain, /
Who for me in torments died.

THIRTEENTH STATION

Jesus Is Taken Down from the Cross and Placed in the Arms of His Mother

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.
R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: Jesus did not descend from the cross but remained on it until He died. And when taken down from it, He, in death as in

life, rested on the bosom of His divine Mother. Persevere in your resolutions of reform and do not part from the cross; he who persevereth to the end shall be saved. Consider, moreover, how pure the heart should be that receives the body and blood of Christ in the Adorable Sacrament of the Altar.

All: O Lord Jesus, Thy lifeless body, mangled and lacerated, found a worthy resting place on the bosom of Thy virgin Mother. Have I not often compelled Thee to dwell in me, full of sin and impurity as I was? Create in me a new heart, that I may worthily receive Thy most sacred Body in Holy Communion, and that Thou mayest remain in me and I in Thee for all eternity.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

Let me mingle tears with thee, / Mourning Him who mourned for me, / All the days that I may live.

FOURTEENTH STATION

Jesus Is Laid in the Sepulchre

V. We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee.

R. Because by Thy holy cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

Leader: The body of Jesus is interred in a sepulchre not his own. He, who in this world had not whereupon to rest His head, would not even have a grave of His own, because He was not of this world. You, who are so attached to the world, henceforth despise it, that you may not perish with it.

All: O Jesus, Thou hast set me apart from the world; what, then, shall I seek therein? Thou hast created me for heaven; what, then, have I to do with the world? Depart from me, deceitful world, with thy vanities! Henceforth I will follow the Way of the Cross traced out for me by my Redeemer, and journey onward to my heavenly home, there to dwell forever and ever.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.

V. Lord Jesus, crucified.
R. Have mercy on us!

By the cross with thee to stay, / There with thee to weep and pray, / Is all I ask of thee to give.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

All: Almighty and eternal God, merciful Father, who hast given to the human race Thy beloved Son as an example of humility, obedience, and patience, to precede us on the way of life, bearing the cross: Graciously grant us that we, inflamed by His infinite love, may take up the sweet yoke of His Gospel together with the mortification of the cross, following Him as His true disciples, so that we shall one day gloriously rise with Him and joyfully hear the final sentence: "Come, ye blessed of My Father, and possess the kingdom which was prepared for you from the beginning," where Thou reignest with the Son and the Holy Spirit, and where we hope to reign with Thee, forever and ever. Amen.

Stabat Mater (conclusion)

Optional

Virgin of all virgins best! / Listen to my fond request: / Let me share thy grief divine;

Let me, to my latest breath, / In my body bear the death / Of that dying Son of thine.

Wounded with His every wound, / Steep my soul till it hath swooned / In His very blood away.

Be to me, O Virgin, nigh, / Lest in flames I burn and die, / In His awful Judgment Day.

Christ, when Thou shalt call me hence, / Be Thy Mother my defense, / Be Thy cross my victory.

While my body here decays, / May my soul Thy goodness praise, / Safe in paradise with Thee. Amen.

V. Pray for us, Virgin most sorrowful.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the most blessed Virgin Mary, Thy Mother, through whose most holy soul, in the hour of Thine own Passion, the sword of sorrow passed, may intercede for us before the throne of Thy mercy, now and at the hour of our death. Through Thee, Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Holy Rosary

Indulgences Gained by Praying This Devotion

Indulgences:

1. To those as often as they recite a third part of the Rosary: Five years and five times forty days. *(S. C. Indulg. Aug. 20, 1899)*

2. If one recites at least a third part of the Rosary together with others, publicly or privately: Ten years and ten times forty days once a day. A plenary indulgence on the last Sunday of each month if one has performed this exercise on at least three days of each preceding week during the month and has confessed, received Holy Communion, and visited some church or public oratory. *(S. C. Indulg. Aug. 20, 1899)*

3. To those who during October recite a third part of the Rosary, publicly or privately: Seven years and seven times forty days on each day. A plenary indulgence if they have performed this exercise on the feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary and during the entire octave thereof and if they have also confessed, received Holy Communion at any time during the octave, and visited any church or public oratory; a plenary indulgence if they have performed the same exercise for ten days after the octave of the Holy Rosary, and have confessed, received Holy Communion, and visited any church or public oratory. *(S. C. Indulg. Aug. 29, 1899)*

4. To those who recite a third part of the Rosary before the Most Holy Eucharist publicly exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, as often as they do so: A plenary indulgence if they have also confessed and approached the Holy Table (Brief, Sept. 4, 1927). Note: If by reason of manual labor or other just cause one is prevented from holding the Rosary beads in the hands, the indulgences may be gained provided one has the beads about him. *(S. Ap. Penit. Nov. 9, 1933)*

The Sign of the Cross

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

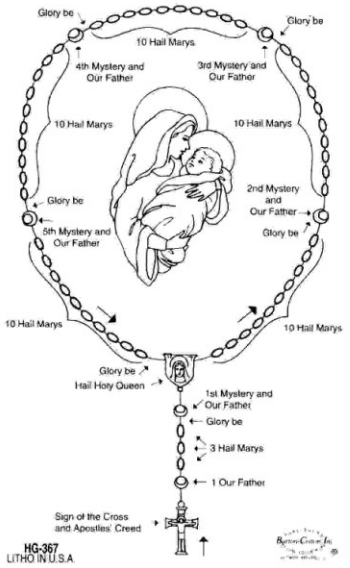
The Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, relieve the suffering souls in purgatory, especially those most in need.

The Hail Holy Queen

Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Diagram of How to Pray the Rosary



The Holy Rosary According to the Method of St. Louis De Montfort

Introductory Prayer

I unite with all the angels and saints in heaven, with all the just on earth, and with all the faithful here present. I unite with Thee, O my Jesus, in order to praise worthily Thy holy Mother and to praise Thee in her and through her. I renounce all the distractions that I may have during this Rosary, which I wish to say with modesty, attention, and devotion, just as if it were to be the last of my life.

We offer Thee, O most Holy Trinity, this Creed in honor of all the mysteries of our Faith; this Our Father and these three Hail Mary's in honor of the unity of Thy Essence and the Trinity of Thy Persons. We ask of Thee a lively faith, a firm hope, and an ardent charity. Amen.

Apostles' Creed; Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

The Five Joyful Mysteries

(Prayed on Mondays and Thursdays throughout the year, and the Sundays from the beginning of Advent until but not including Septuagesima Sunday)

1. The Annunciation

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this first decade in honor of Thine Incarnation in Mary's womb; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, a profound humility. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Annunciation come down into our souls. Amen.

2. The Visitation

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this second decade in honor of the Visitation of Thy holy Mother to her cousin St. Elizabeth and the sanctification of St. John the Baptist; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, charity toward our neighbor. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Visitation come down into our souls. Amen.

3. The Nativity

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this third decade in honor of Thy Nativity in the stable of Bethlehem; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy

Mother, detachment from the things of the world, contempt of riches, and love of poverty. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Nativity come down into our souls. Amen.

4. The Presentation in the Temple

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fourth decade in honor of Thy Presentation in the Temple and the Purification of Mary; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, purity of body and soul. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Presentation in the Temple come down into our souls. Amen.

5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fifth decade in honor of Mary's finding Thee in the Temple; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, the gift of true wisdom. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Finding of Our Lord in the Temple come down into our souls. Amen.

<u>The Five Sorrowful Mysteries</u>

(Prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the year, and on the Sundays from Septuagesima Sunday until but not including Easter.)

1. The Agony in the Garden

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this sixth decade in honor of Thine Agony in the Garden of Olives; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, contrition for our sins. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Agony in the Garden come down into our souls. Amen.

2. The Scourging

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this seventh decade in honor of Thy bloody scourging; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, the grace of mortifying our senses. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Scourging come down into our souls. Amen.

3. The Crowning with Thorns

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this eighth decade in honor of Thy being crowned with thorns; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, contempt of the world. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Crowning with Thorns come down into our souls. Amen.

4. The Carrying of the Cross

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this ninth decade in honor of Thy carrying of the Cross; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, patience in bearing our crosses. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Carrying of the Cross come down into our souls. Amen.

5. The Crucifixion

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this tenth decade in honor of Thy Crucifixion and ignominious death on Calvary; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, the conversion of sinners, the perseverance of the just, and the relief of the souls in purgatory. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Crucifixion come down into our souls. Amen.

<u>The Five Glorious Mysteries</u>

(Prayed on Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year, and the Sundays from Easter until but not including the First Sunday in Advent.)

1. The Resurrection

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this eleventh decade in honor of Thy glorious Resurrection; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, love of God and fervor in Thy service. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Resurrection come down into our souls. Amen.

2. The Ascension

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this twelfth decade in honor of Thy triumphant Ascension; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, an ardent desire for heaven, our true home. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Ascension come down into our souls. Amen.

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this thirteenth decade in honor of the Mystery of Pentecost; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through the intercession of Thy holy Mother, the coming of the Holy Spirit into our souls. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Descent of the Holy Spirit come down into our souls. Amen.

4. The Assumption

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fourteenth decade in honor of the resurrection and triumphant Assumption of Thy holy Mother into heaven; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, a tender devotion for so good a Mother. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Assumption come down into our souls. Amen.

5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin

We offer Thee, O Lord Jesus, this fifteenth decade in honor of the Coronation of Thy holy Mother; and we ask of Thee, through this Mystery and through her intercession, perseverance in grace and a crown of glory hereafter. Amen.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be; Fatima Prayer.

May the grace of the Mystery of the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin come down into our souls. Amen.

Ending Prayers for the Rosary

The Hail Holy Queen

Hail holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: O God, whose only begotten Son by His life, death, and resurrection has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life: grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recite the Exorcism Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel**Error! Unknown switch argument.**, p. 57*, and end with the following:*

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
R. Have mercy on us. *(3 times)*

And then recite an Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be *for the Pope or, if the Holy See is vacant, for a future Roman Pontiff and the papacy.*

Optional Concluding Prayer by St. Louis De Montfort

Hail Mary, beloved daughter of the Eternal Father, admirable mother of the Son, faithful spouse of the Holy Spirit, august temple of the most Holy Trinity! Hail, sovereign princess, to whom all owe subjection in heaven and on earth! Hail, sure refuge of sinners, our Lady of Mercy, who hast never refused any request. All sinful though I am, I cast myself at

thy feet and beseech thee to obtain for me from Jesus, thy beloved Son, contrition and pardon for all my sins, as well as the gift of divine wisdom. I consecrate myself entirely to thee with all that I have. I choose thee this day for my mother and mistress. Treat me, then, as the least of thy children and the most obedient of thy servants. Listen, my Princess, listen to the sighs of a heart that desires to love and serve thee faithfully. Let it never be said that of all those who have had recourse to thee, I was the first to be abandoned. O my hope, O my life, O my faithful and Immaculate Virgin Mary, defend me, nourish me, hear me, teach me, and save me. Amen.

The Holy Hour of Reparation

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Here make the Intention for the Holy Hour)

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

(300 days indulgence) (136)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

All: Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(5 years indulgence) (287)*

Heart of Jesus, I put my trust in Thee!

(300 days indulgence) (226)

Act of Contrition

All: O my God! I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen. *(3 years indulgence) (36)*

O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, have mercy on us!

(300 days indulgence) (134)

Spiritual Communion

All: My Jesus, I believe that Thou art really present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love Thee above everything else, and I long to receive Thee into my soul. I cannot now receive Thee in Holy Communion, but I beg Thee to come to me at least spiritually. I embrace Thee as already there and unite myself entirely to Thee. Grant that I may never be separated from Thee! *(3 years indulgence) (164)*

I adore Thee every moment, O Living Bread from heaven, Great Sacrament!

(300 days indulgence) (137)

Offering of the Holy Hour

All: My sweet Jesus, I desire to spend this Hour with Thee, to console Thee, and to make some reparation by the love of my poor heart for the agony Thou didst suffer in Gethsemane. In that lone hour Thou wast forsaken; and the creatures whom Thou didst create to love Thee, loved Thee not. The weight of all our sins, and mine as well, pressed on Thee; and for the sorrow which I caused Thee then by my sins, I will endeavor to repay Thee now by my love. Strengthen it, my Jesus, that it may in some small measure give Thee consolation.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, strengthened in Thine agony by an angel, comfort us in our agony.

(300 days indulgence) (239)

Opening Prayer to the Blessed Sacrament

All: My Lord Jesus Christ, it is Thy great love for men that keeps Thee day and night in this Sacrament, full of pity and love, expecting, inviting, and welcoming all who visit Thee. I believe that Thou art really present in the Sacrament of the Altar. From the depths of my nothingness, I adore Thee and I thank Thee for the many graces Thou hast given me, especially for

the gift of Thyself in this Sacrament, for the gift of Thy most holy Mother as my intercessor, and for the privilege of visiting Thee in this church.

I now speak to Thy most loving Heart with a threefold intention: to thank Thee for the great gift of Thyself, to atone for all the insults which Thy enemies heap upon Thee in this Sacrament, and to adore Thee wherever Thy Eucharistic Presence is dishonored or forgotten.

My Jesus, I love Thee with my whole heart. I am very sorry for my ingratitude to Thy infinite goodness. I now resolve, with the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee again. And sinful as I am, I consecrate to Thee my entire self, my whole will, my affections, my desires, and all that I have. From now on, do with me and mine as Thou pleasest. I ask for and desire only Thy love, final perseverance, and the grace always to do Thy holy will.

I intercede with Thee for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who were most devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and to Thy most holy Mother. I recommend to Thee also all poor sinners. And lastly, my dear Savior, I unite all my desires with the desires of Thy most loving Heart. Thus united, I present them to Thy Eternal Father, and beg Him in Thy name and for love of Thee to hear and answer them.
(5 years indulgence) (182)

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine.

(500 days indulgence) (227)

Act of Faith

All: O my God! I firmly believe all the sacred truths which Thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches because Thou hast revealed them, who canst neither deceive nor be deceived. *(3 years indulgence) (36)*

Act of Hope

All: O my God! Relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain the pardon of my sins, the assistance of Thy grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *(3 years indulgence) (36)*

Act of Love

All: O my God! I love Thee above all things with my whole heart and soul because Thou art all good and worthy of all love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of Thee. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. *(3 years indulgence) (36)*

Jesus, I live for Thee; Jesus, I die for Thee; Jesus, I am Thine in life and in death. Amen.

(300 days indulgence) (76)

Act of Charity

All: O good and merciful Savior, it is the desire of my heart to return Thee love for love. My greatest sorrow is that Thou art not loved by all men, and, in particular, that my heart is so cold, so selfish, so ungrateful. Deeply sensible of my own weakness and poverty, I trust that Thy own grace will enable me to offer Thee an act of pure love. And I wish to offer Thee this act of love in reparation for the coldness and neglect that are shown to Thee in the Sacrament of Thy love by Thy creatures. O Jesus, my sovereign good, I love Thee, not for the sake of the reward which Thou hast promised to those who love Thee, but purely for Thyself. I love Thee above all things that can be loved, above all pleasures, and in fine above myself and all that is not Thee, protesting in the presence of heaven and earth that I will live and die purely and simply in Thy holy love, and that if to love Thee thus I must endure persecution and suffering, I am perfectly satisfied, and I will ever say with St. Paul: "Nothing shall separate me from the love of Christ."

O Jesus, Supreme Master of all hearts, I love Thee, I adore Thee, I praise Thee, I thank Thee, because I am now all Thine own. Rule over me, and transform my soul into the likeness of Thyself so that it may bless and glorify Thee forever in the abode of the saints. Amen.

Sweet Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

(300 days indulgence) (233)

Prayer to Christ the King

All: O Christ Jesus, I acknowledge Thee King of the Universe. All that has been made has been created for Thee. Make full use of Thy rights over me. I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life; and especially I undertake to help, to the extent of my means, to secure the triumph of the rights of God and of Thy Church. Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer Thee my efforts to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge Thy Sacred Royalty, and so that the Kingdom of Thy peace may be established throughout the entire universe. Amen. *(Plenary indulgence once a day under the usual conditions) (272)*

Jesus, King and Center of all hearts, through the advent of Thy kingdom, grant us peace.

(300 days indulgence) (268)

Litany of the Sacred Heart

(See p. 46 *for Litany)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in Thy love for me.

(300 days indulgence) (230)

Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

All: Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before Thy altar. We are Thine and Thine we wish to be; but to be more surely united with Thee, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to Thy most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known Thee; many, too, despising Thy precepts, have rejected Thee. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to Thy Sacred Heart.

Be Thou King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken Thee, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned Thee. Grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be thou King of those who are deceived by heretical opinions or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and unity of faith so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

Be thou King of all those who are involved in the darkness of idolatry and Islamism, and refuse not to draw them into the light and kingdom of God. Turn Thine eyes of mercy toward the children of that race, once Thy chosen people. Of old they called down upon themselves the blood of the Saviour: may it now descend upon them as a laver of redemption and of life.

Grant, O Lord, to Thy Church, assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give peace and order to all nations, and make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the Divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to It be glory and honor forever. Amen. *Ordered by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, Dec. 11, 1925. (5 years indulgence) (271)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come!

(300 days indulgence) (228)

Act of Reparation

All: O sweet Jesus, whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence, and contempt, behold us prostrate before Thy altar eager to repair by a special act of homage the cruel indifference and injuries to which Thy loving Heart is everywhere subject.

Mindful alas that we ourselves have had a share in such great indignities, which we now deplore from the depths of our hearts, we humbly ask Thy pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation not only for our personal offences, but also for the sins of those who, straying far from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate infidelity to follow Thee, their Shepherd and Leader, or, renouncing the vows of their baptism, have cast off the sweet yoke of Thy law.

We are now resolved to expiate each and every deplorable outrage committed against Thee; we are determined to make amends for the manifold offences against Christian modesty in unbecoming dress and behavior, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violation of Sundays and holydays, and the shocking blasphemies uttered against Thee and Thy saints.

We wish also to make amends for the insults to which Thy Vicar on earth[1] and Thy priests are subjected, for the profanation by conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege of the very Sacrament of Thy divine love, and lastly for the public crimes of nations who resist the rights and the teaching authority of the Church which Thou hast founded.

Would, O divine Jesus, we were able to wash away such abominations with our blood. We now offer, in reparation for these violations of Thy divine honour, the satisfaction Thou didst once make on the cross to Thy eternal Father and which Thou dost continue to renew daily on our altars; we offer it in union with the acts of atonement of Thy virgin Mother and all the saints and of the pious faithful on earth; and we sincerely promise to make recompense, as far as we can with the help of Thy grace, for all the neglect of Thy great love and for the sins we and others have committed in the past. Henceforth we will live a life of unwavering faith, of purity of conduct, of perfect observance of the precepts of the gospel and especially that of charity. We promise to the best of our power to prevent others from offending Thee and to bring as many as possible to follow Thee.

O loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model in reparation,

[1] When the Holy See is vacant, replace the words "Thy Vicar on earth" with "the Papacy."

deign to receive the voluntary offering we make of this act of expiation; and by the crowning gift of perseverance, keep us faithful unto death in our duty and the allegiance we owe to Thee so that we may all one day come to that happy home, where Thou with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest God, forever and ever. Amen.

Praise and adoration ever more be given to the most Holy Sacrament.

(300 days indulgence) (135)

The Holy Rosary

(A plenary indulgence for reciting the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament publicly exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, on condition of confession and receiving Holy Communion) (395c)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day he arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The First Sorrowful Mystery: The Agony of Jesus in the Garden

"My soul is sorrowful unto death!" O divine sadness of Jesus, who savest the world and preparest for us the joys of paradise, heal all our sorrows, accept our sorrow for having so greatly offended the Lord our God!

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

ALL STAND

The Second Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Is Scourged at the Pillar

"My people, what have I done to you? Wherein have I offended you? Laden with My gifts you scourge Me like the least of slaves." O Jesus, forgive the excesses of impiety against the Church, Thy mystic body!

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

The Third Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns

"I am a worm and no man!" O Jesus, sated with outrages in this Mystery, with what eloquence dost Thou not show us that, lifted up from earth, we ever return to it again! May this divine lesson subdue our pride!

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

The Fourth Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Carries His Cross

"They forced the Cyrenean to take up His Cross." Each day we also receive our crosses from Thy hand. O Jesus, grant that we may carry them, not by force, but for love.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

ALL KNEEL

The Fifth Sorrowful Mystery: Jesus Dies on the Cross

"Behold thy Mother!" I thank Thee, O my Savior, for this admirable gift, this last will of Thy love. Grant that I may respond to it by a generous love toward Thy afflicted Mother.

Our Father; 10 Hail Mary's; Glory Be.

Finish the Rosary for the Holy Hour by praying the Ending Prayers for the Rosary, p. 29, *ending with the three "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us" invocations.*

Lord, I thank Thee that Thou didst die on the cross for my sins.

(300 days indulgence) (192)

To the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

All: O Queen of the most holy Rosary, in these times of brazen impiety, show again thy power with the signs which accompanied thy victories of old; and from the throne where thou art seated, dispensing pardon and grace, in pity watch over the Church of thy Son, His Vicar,[2] and every order of the clergy and laity suffering in grievous warfare. Hasten, O most powerful destroyer of heresy, hasten the hour of mercy, seeing that the hour of judgment is daily challenged by innumerable

[2] When the Holy See is vacant, omit the words "His Vicar."

offences. Obtain for me, the lowest of men, kneeling suppliant in thy presence, the grace which may enable me to live a just life on earth and reign with the just in heaven, whilst with the faithful throughout the world, O Queen of the most holy Rosary, I salute thee and cry out: Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us! *(500 days indulgence) (399)*

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I give myself to Thee through Mary.

(300 days indulgence) (238)

To Jesus Abandoned

All: With Mary Immaculate, let us adore, thank, implore, and console the most beloved and Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

O Divine Jesus, lonely tonight in so many tabernacles, without visitor or worshipper, I offer Thee my poor heart. May its every throb be an act of love for Thee. Thou art always watching beneath the sacramental veils; in Thy love Thou dost never sleep and Thou art never weary of Thy vigil for sinners. O lonely Jesus, may the flame of my heart burn and beam always in company with Thee.

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

(300 days indulgence) (136)

Veneration of the Thorn-Crowned Head of the Savior

All: And platting a crown of thorns, they put it upon His head. They began to spit upon Him, and they gave Him blows. Others smote His face and said: "Prophesy, who is it that struck Thee?"

O holy Redeemer! Thou art clothed with a scarlet cloak, a reed is placed in Thy hands for a scepter, and the sharp points of a thorny crown are pressed into Thy adorable head.

My soul, thou canst never conceive the sufferings, the insults and indignities offered to our Blessed Lord during this scene of pain and mockery.

The Jews mock Thee; I salute Thee and offer Thee supreme homage as King of heaven and earth, the Redeemer of the world, the Eternal Son of the living God.

O my afflicted Savior! O King of the world, Thou art ridiculed as a mock king. I believe in Thee and adore Thee as the King of kings and Lord of lords, as the supreme Ruler of heaven and earth.

O Jesus! I devoutly venerate Thy sacred head pierced with thorns, struck with a reed, overwhelmed with pain and derision.

I adore the precious blood flowing from Thy bleeding wounds. To Thee be all praise, all thanksgiving, and all love for evermore.

O meek Lamb, Victim for sin! May Thy thorns penetrate my heart with fervent love, that I may never cease to adore Thee as my God, my King, and my Savior.

V. Behold, O God, our Protector.
R. And look upon the face of Thy Christ.

Leader: Let us pray: O my beloved Savior, at sight of Thy most holy face disfigured by suffering, at sight of Thy Sacred Heart so full of love, I cry out with St. Augustine: "Lord Jesus, imprint on my heart Thy sacred wounds, so that I may read therein sorrow and love: sorrow, to endure every sorrow for Thee; love, to despise every love for Thee."

All: Amen.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world.

(3 years indulgence) (191)

To Our Lord on the Cross

All: My crucified Jesus, mercifully accept the prayer which I now make to Thee for help in the moment of my death, when at its approach all my senses shall fail me.

When, therefore, O sweetest Jesus, my weary and downcast eyes can no longer look up to Thee, be mindful of the loving gaze which I now turn to Thee, and have mercy on me.

When my parched lips can no longer kiss Thy most sacred wounds, remember then those

kisses which now I imprint on Thee, and have mercy on me.

When my cold hands can no longer embrace Thy cross, forget not the affection with which I embrace it now, and have mercy on me.

And when, at length, my swollen and lifeless tongue can no longer speak, remember that I called upon Thee now.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, to thee I commend my soul. Amen.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ to heal the wounds of our souls.

Devotion in Honor of the Five Holy Wounds

All: As I kneel before Thee on the cross, most loving Savior of my soul, my conscience tells me it is I who have nailed Thee to that cross with these hands of mine, as often as I have fallen into mortal sin, wearying Thee with my monstrous ingratitude.

My God, my chief and most perfect Good, worthy of all my love, seeing Thou hast ever loaded me with blessings, I can not now undo my misdeeds, as I would most willingly, but I can and will loathe them, grieving greatly for having offended Thee who art infinite Goodness. And now, kneeling at Thy feet, I will try at least to compassionate Thee, to give Thee thanks, to ask of Thee pardon and contrition. Wherefore, with heart and lips I say:

To the Wound of the Left Foot

All: Holy Wound of the Left Foot of my Jesus, I adore Thee! I compassionate Thee, O my Jesus, for that most bitter pain which Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for the love whereby Thou wast wearied in overtaking me on the way to ruin and didst bleed amid the thorns and brambles of my sins. I offer to the Eternal Father the pain and love of Thy most sacred humanity in atonement for my sins, all of which I detest with sincere and bitter contrition.

To the Wound of the Right Foot

All: Holy Wound of the Right Foot of my Jesus, I adore Thee! I compassionate Thee, O my Jesus, for that most bitter pain which Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for the love which pierced Thee with such torture and shedding of blood in order to punish my wanderings and the guilty pleasures I have granted to my passions. I offer to the Eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most sacred humanity, and I pray unto Him for grace to weep over my transgressions with burning tears and to enable me to persevere in the good which I have begun, without ever swerving again from my obedience to the commandments of my God.

To the Wound of the Left Hand

All: Holy Wound of the Left Hand of my Jesus, I adore Thee! I compassionate Thee, O my Jesus, for that most bitter pain which Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for having, in Thy love, spared me the scourges and eternal damnation which my sins have merited. I offer to the Eternal Father the pain and love of Thy most sacred humanity, and I pray Him to teach me how to turn to good account my span of life, and bring forth in it worthy fruits of penance, and so disarm the angry justice of my God.

To the Wound of the Right Hand

All: Holy Wound of the Right Hand of my Jesus, I adore Thee! I compassionate Thee, O my Jesus, for that most bitter pain which Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee for Thy graces lavished on me with such love in spite of all my miserable obstinacy. I offer to the Eternal Father all the pain and love of Thy most sacred humanity, and I pray Him to change my heart and its affections, and make me do all my actions in accordance with the will of God.

To the Wound of the Sacred Side

All: Holy Wound in the Side of my Jesus, I adore Thee! I compassionate Thee, O my Jesus, for the cruel insult Thou didst suffer. I thank Thee, my Jesus, for the love which suffered Thy side and heart to be pierced, that the last drops of blood and water might issue forth, making my redemption to abound. I offer to the Eternal Father this outrage and the love of Thy most sacred humanity, that my soul may enter once and for all into that most loving heart, eager and ready to receive the greatest sinners, and from it may never more depart.

Sweet Heart of my Jesus, grant that I may ever love Thee more and more.

(300 days indulgence) (224)

ALL STAND

Prayer for Increase of Daily Holy Communions

All: O sweet Jesus, who camest into the world to give to all the life of Thy grace, and who, to preserve and sustain it, didst will to be the remedy of our daily infirmities, and our daily food; humbly we pray Thee, by Thy Heart all on fire for love of us, to pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon all, so that those who are unhappily in mortal sin may be converted to Thee and

recover the life of grace which they have lost; and those who by Thy gift still live this divine life may every day, when they are able, approach devoutly to Thy holy altar, where in daily Holy Communion, receiving every day the antidote to their daily venial sins and nourishing the life of grace in their hearts and purifying more and more their souls, they may come at last to the enjoyment with Thee of eternal beatitude. Amen. *(500 days indulgence once a day) (163)*

Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.

(500 days indulgence) (225)

ALL KNEEL

Prayer for Those in Their Last Agony

All: O most merciful Jesus, lover of souls: I pray Thee, by the agony of Thy most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Thy Immaculate Mother, cleanse in Thy blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their agony and are to die this day. Amen.

Heart of Jesus agonizing, have mercy on the dying.

(300 days indulgence) (671)

Jesus, Mary, Joseph!

(7 years indulgence) (274)

(Omit the following prayer when the Holy See is vacant)

Prayer for the Holy Father

All: O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look down with favor upon Thy servant, **N.**, whom Thou hast deigned to appoint as the supreme Pastor of Thy Church; grant, we beseech Thee, that both his word and example may benefit those over whom he has been placed, so that together with the flock entrusted to his care he may attain unto life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(3 years indulgence) (654)*

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, pour in richest fullness Thy blessings upon Holy Church, the Pope, and all the clergy; grant perseverance to the just, conversion to sinners; enlighten the unbelievers; bless our Catholic relatives, friends, and benefactors; assist the dying; deliver the souls in purgatory; and extend over all hearts the gentle dominion of Thy love. *(500 days indulgence) (262)*

Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Thy Sacred Heart. Be Thou his light, his strength, and his consolation.

(300 days indulgence) (650)

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace!
Where there is hatred – let me sow love,
Where there is injury – pardon,
Where there is doubt – faith,
Where there is despair – hope,
Where there is darkness – light,
Where there is sadness – joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled – as to console,
To be understood – as to understand,
To be loved – as to love, for
It is in giving – that we receive,
It is in pardoning – that we are pardoned,
It is in dying – that we are born to eternal life.

(Saint Francis of Assisi)

By the sign of the holy cross, deliver us from our enemies, O our God!

(3 years indulgence) (188)

Prayer for Mercy for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

All: Have mercy, O gentle Jesus! on the souls detained in purgatory. Thou who for their ransom didst take upon Thyself our human nature and suffer the most cruel death, pity their sighs and tears shed when they raise their longing eyes toward Thee; and by virtue of Thy Passion, cancel the penalty due to their sins. May Thy blood, O tender Jesus, Thy precious blood, descend into purgatory to solace and refresh those who there languish in captivity. Reach forth Thy hand to them, and lead them into the realms of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.

Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, set free the holy souls in purgatory.

(300 days indulgence) (229)

Prayer for Our Daily Neglects

All: Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with all its love, suffering, and merits:

All: First – To expiate all the sins I have committed this day and during all my life.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

All: Second – To purify the good I have done badly this day and during all my life.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

All: Third – To supply for the good I ought to have done, and that I've neglected this day and during all my life.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

O Heart of Love, I put all my trust in Thee, for I fear all things from my own weakness, but I hope for all things from Thy goodness.
(St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

(300 days indulgence) (232)

Period of Silent Adoration

"Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth." *(1 Kings 3:10)*

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me do?" *(Acts 9:6)*

Prayer for Final Perseverance

All: O Jesus, my Savior, my God, by Thy Sacred Heart, by the most pure heart of the Virgin Mother, by whatever is pleasing to Thee in heaven and on earth, I beg and entreat Thee, grant me holy perseverance, grant me patience. Give me grace and courage that I may efficaciously employ the means which Thou hast given.

Say three times:

Sweet Heart of Jesus, be my love; Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.

Closing Prayer to the Blessed Sacrament

All: As this hour of adoration closes, O Jesus, I renew my faith and trust in Thee. I am refreshed after these moments with Thee, and I count myself among a privileged number, even as Thy disciples were, who shared Thy actual presence.

Realizing that my visit to Thee is of little avail unless I try to live a better life and set a better example, I am resolved to go forth again to my duties and my concerns with a renewed spirit of perseverance and good will. In my daily life I will try to love and serve God well and love my neighbor also, for these two things go together. I will try to be a true disciple, indeed. Help me, O Jesus, in this my resolution.

Bless me, dear Lord, before I go. And bless not me alone, O Lord, but all the Catholics and catechumens as well who are here present and all who could not come, especially the sick and the dying. Bless our Catholic homes and all our Catholic children. Bless all our life and the hour of our death.

Grant rest to the souls of the faithful departed, and bring them into the light of Thy divine glory. May we who have worshipped Thee and been blessed by Thee here on earth come to behold the radiant glory of Thy unveiled countenance in heaven forever and ever. Amen.

Say three times:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come!

(300 days indulgence) (228)

For the Intentions of the Holy Father to Gain the Indulgences of the Holy Hour

Recite the Our Father, Hail Mary, *and* Glory Be *for the intentions of the Holy Father, or, if the See is vacant, for a future Roman Pontiff and the papacy.*

O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

(300 days indulgence) (136)

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HOLY HOUR INDULGENCES

The faithful who take part for an entire hour in the public exercise known as the "Holy Hour," in any church, public or semi-public oratory (if they may lawfully make use of the latter), in order to venerate the Passion and death of Jesus Christ, and to worship and meditate upon the burning love whereby He was led to institute the Holy Eucharist, may gain: A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

Those, who being at least contrite, perform this pious exercise, whether publicly or privately, may gain: An indulgence of 10 years (168).

All indulgences as given in this book are according to the book "Enchiridion Indulgentiarum" 1952 edition, and the numbers in parenthesis are those given also in the book.

Daily Prayers

Morning Prayers

The Morning Offering

O my God, in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary *(here kiss your scapular for a partial indulgence and as a sign of your consecration to Mary)*, I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus from all the altars throughout the world, joining with it the offering of my every thought, word, and action of this day. O my Jesus, I desire today to gain every indulgence and merit I can and I

offer them, together with myself, to Mary Immaculate that she may best apply them to the interests of Thy most Sacred Heart.

Precious Blood of Jesus, save us! Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us! Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

The Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.

St. Patrick's Breastplate

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through the belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness of the Creator of creation.

I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, through the strength of His descent for the Judgment of Doom.

I arise today through the strength of the love of cherubim, in obedience of angels, in the service of archangels, in hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in prayers of patriarchs, in predictions of prophets, in preaching of apostles, in faith of confessors, in innocence of holy virgins, in deeds of righteous men.

I arise today through the strength of heaven: light of sun, radiance of moon, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of wind, depth of sea, stability of earth, firmness of rock.

I arise today through God's strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me from snares of devils, from temptations of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and anear, alone and in multitude.

I summon today all these powers between me and those evils, against every cruel merciless power that may oppose my body and soul: against incantations of false prophets, against black laws of pagandom, against false laws of heretics, against craft of idolatry, against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul.

Christ to shield me today against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that there may come to me abundance of reward.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness of the Creator of creation.

A Short Form of Morning Prayers

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

O my God, I believe in Thee; do Thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in Thee; do Thou secure them. I love Thee with my whole heart; teach me to love Thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended Thee; do Thou increase my sorrow.

O my God, how good hast Thou been to me, and how little have I done for Thee! Thou hast created me out of nothing, redeemed me by the death of Thy Son, and sanctified me by the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Thou hast called me into Thy Church, and Thou givest me all the graces necessary for my salvation. Thou hast preserved me during the night past and given me the present day wherein I may serve Thee. What return can I make to Thee, O God, for all that Thou hast done for me? I will bless Thy Holy Name and serve Thee all the days of my life. I offer to Thee, O my God, all my thoughts, words, actions, and

sufferings; and I beseech Thee to give me Thy grace, that I may not offend Thee this day but that I may faithfully serve Thee and do Thy holy will in all things.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Apostles' Creed.

Holy Mary, be a mother to me. O my good Angel, whom God has appointed to be my guardian, enlighten and protect me, direct and govern me during this day. All ye angels and saints of God, pray for me. May our Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil and bring us to life everlasting; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Before and After Meal Prayers

Prayer before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from Thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hail Mary…

Prayer after Meals

We give Thee thanks, Almighty God, for these gifts which we have received from Thy bounty. Though Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Night Prayers

A Short Form of Night Prayers

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Apostles' Creed.

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the Saints, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I beseech blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

The Absolution

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

+ May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins. Amen.

Other Prayers

O my God, I believe that Thou art here present and that Thou observest all my actions, all my thoughts, and the most secret motions of my heart. I adore Thee and I love Thee with my whole heart. I return Thee thanks for all the benefits which I have ever received from Thee, and particularly this day. Give me light, O my God, to see what sins I have committed this day, and grant me grace to be truly sorry for them.

(Here examine whether you have offended God during the day by any thought, word, or deed, or by neglect of any duty.)

O my God, who art infinitely good in Thyself and infinitely good to me, I beg pardon from my heart for all my offences against Thee; I am sorry for all my sins and detest them above all things because they deserve Thy dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving Saviour Jesus Christ, and because they offend Thy infinite goodness; and I am firmly resolved, by the help of Thy grace, never to offend Thee for the time to come, and to carefully avoid the occasions of sin.

Here put yourself in the disposition you desire to be found in at the hour of death.

O my God, I accept death as an act of homage and adoration which I owe to Thy divine majesty, as a punishment justly due to my sins, in union with the death of my dear Redeemer, and as the only means of coming to Thee, my beginning and last end. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit; Lord Jesus, receive my soul. Holy Mary, be a mother to me. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, and all the saints pray for us to the Lord, that we may be preserved this night from sin and all evils. Amen.

O my good Angel, whom God has appointed to be my guardian, watch over me during this night. All ye angels and saints of God, pray for me. May our Lord bless us, and preserve us from evil, and bring us to life everlasting; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Confession

Prayers before Examination of Conscience

Reflect that this confession may be the last of your life. Therefore,

prepare yourself for it as if you were lying sick upon your deathbed and already at the brink of the grave. Ask God to give you the grace to make a good examination of conscience, the light to see your sins clearly, and the strength to make a sincere confession and to amend your life.

Prayer 1

O my Lord Jesus Christ, Judge of the living and the dead, before whom I must appear one day to give an exact account of my whole life, enlighten me, I beseech Thee, and give me a humble and contrite heart so that I may see wherein I have offended Thine infinite majesty and may judge myself now with such a just severity that then Thou mayest judge me with mercy and clemency.

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

O Holy Spirit, Source of all light, Spirit of wisdom, of understanding, and of knowledge, come to my assistance and enable me to make a good confession.

Enlighten me, and help me now to know my sins as one day I shall be forced to recognize them before Thy judgment seat. Bring to my mind the evil which I have done and the good which I have neglected. Permit me not to be blinded by self-love. Grant me, moreover, heartfelt sorrow for my transgressions and the grace of a sincere confession so that I may be forgiven and admitted into Thy friendship.

Short Examination of Conscience

Preliminary Examination

When did you make your last confession? Did you take sufficient pains to awaken contrition?

Did you omit to confess a mortal sin either intentionally or through forgetfulness?

Did you intentionally neglect to do the penance imposed on you, or were you so careless as to forget it?

Have you carried out the good resolutions you made at your last confession, or have you paid no heed to them?

Examine your conscience also in regard to the seven capital sins and the nine ways of being accessory to another's sin.

The Ten Commandments

First: *I am the Lord thy God… Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me… Thou shalt not adore them nor serve them.*

Have you doubted in matters of faith? Have you denied the faith by sins of omission by not professing the faith or not condemning sins or not denouncing sinners when obliged?

Have you murmured against God at your adversity or at the prosperity of others? Despaired or presumed of His mercy?

Have you believed in fortune-tellers or consulted them? Made use of other superstitious practices?

Have you attended non-Catholic churches or services? Have you prayed in communion with notorious heretics or schismatics?

Have you neglected your daily prayers? Omitted religious duties or practices through motives of human respect? Have you neglected to perform acts of exterior and interior mortification?

Have you read books, papers, and periodicals of anti-Catholic tendency? Spoken with levity or irreverence of Catholic priests, Catholic religious, or sacred objects?

Second: *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that shall take the name of the Lord his God in vain.*

Have you taken the name of God in vain? Profaned anything relating to the Catholic religion? Have you sworn falsely, rashly, or in slight and trivial matters? Have you unjustly cursed yourself or others or any creature? Have you provoked others so as to make them swear or blaspheme God?

Third: *Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day* (the Lord's Day).

Have you kept holy the Lord's Day and all other days commanded to be kept holy? Bought or sold things not of necessity on that day? Done or commanded some unnecessary servile work? Missed Mass through your own fault? Have you been willfully distracted at Mass or distracted others?

Fourth: *Honor thy father and thy mother.*

Have you honored your parents, superiors, and masters, according to your just duty? Deceived them? Disobeyed them? Have you failed in due reverence to aged persons?

Fifth: *Thou shalt not murder.*

Have you unjustly procured, desired, or hastened the death of anyone? Have you hated anyone?

Unjustly oppressed anyone? Desired revenge? Not forgiven injuries? Unjustly refused to speak to others? Used provoking language? Unjustly injured others? Have you given scandal?

Sixth and Ninth: *Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.*

Have you dressed immodestly? Been in lewd company? Read impure books? Have you indulged in any impure thoughts, looked at any impure pictures or objects, willfully listened to any impure conversations, told or listened to impure or immodest jokes or stories or music, or in general spoken of impure things? Have you done any impure things or desired to do any while alone or with others?

Seventh and Tenth: *Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods.*

Have you stolen anything or helped or advised others to steal? Have you received anything or part of anything that you knew to be stolen? Do you owe money and not pay it when you can? Have you bought anything with the intention of never paying for it or at least knowing you never could pay for it? Have you made restitution when told to do so by your confessor; or have you put it off from time to time? Have you failed to give back what belonged to another? Have you found anything and not tried to discover its owner, or have you kept it in your possession after you knew to whom it belonged? Have you cheated in business or at games? Have you willfully damaged another man's goods, or negligently spoiled them? Have you violated copyright laws? Have you coveted anything that belongs to another?

Eighth: *Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.*

Have you lied or unjustly injured anyone by your talk? Have you told the faults and sins of others without necessity? It is not allowed to tell the faults and sins of others —even when you tell the truth about them— unless some good comes of it. Have you flattered others? Judged rashly?

The Six Precepts of the Church

1. To hear Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation, if possible.

2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed. Have you violated the fasts of the Church, or eaten flesh-meat on prohibited days?

3. To confess at least once a year, if possible.

4. To receive the Holy Eucharist during the Easter-time, if possible.

5. To contribute to the support of the Catholic Church and her pastors.

6. Not to marry persons who are not Catholic, nor those related to us within the third degree of kindred, nor privately without witnesses, nor to solemnize marriage at forbidden times.

The Seven Deadly Sins and the Opposite Virtues

1. Pride	Humility
2. Covetousness	Liberality
3. Lust	Chastity
4. Anger	Meekness
5. Gluttony	Temperance
6. Envy	Brotherly love
7. Sloth	Diligence

The Four Sins That Cry to Heaven for Vengeance

1. Willful murder. 2. The sin of Sodom. 3. Oppression of the poor. 4. Defrauding the laborer of his wages.

Nine Ways of Being Accessory to Another's Sin

1. By counsel. 2. By command. 3. By consent. 4. By provocation. 5. By praise or flattery. 6. By concealment. 7. By partaking. 8. By silence. 9. By defense of the ill done.

The Seven Spiritual Works of Mercy

1. To admonish sinners. 2. To instruct the ignorant. 3. To counsel the doubtful. 4. To comfort the sorrowful. 5. To bear wrongs patiently. 6. To forgive all injuries. 7. To pray for the living and the faithful departed.

The Seven Corporal Works of Mercy

1. To feed the hungry. 2. To give drink to the thirsty. 3. To clothe the naked. 4. To ransom the captive. 5. To give shelter to the homeless. 6. To visit the sick. 7. To bury the dead.

Prayers before Confession

Prayer 1

O my God, I am very sorry for all my sins. I promise that I will try to be good and never hurt Thee again by sin. Dear Jesus, help me. Mother of God, pray that I may please thy Son by true sorrow for my sins.

Prayer 2

Receive my confession, O most loving and gracious Lord Jesus Christ, only hope for the salvation of my soul. Grant to me true

contrition of soul so that day and night I may by penance make satisfaction for my many sins. Savior of the world, O good Jesus, who didst give Thyself to the death of the cross to save sinners, look upon me, most wretched of all sinners; have pity on me, and give me the light to know my sins, true sorrow for them, and a firm purpose of never committing them again.

O gracious Virgin Mary, Immaculate Mother of Jesus, I implore thee to obtain for me by thy powerful intercession these graces from thy Divine Son.

St. Joseph, pray for me.

Manner of Confessing

When your turn comes, go into the confession box. Make the Sign of the Cross and wait till the priest opens the little door. Say what you have been taught to say, or you may say this:

"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (*say how long*) since my last confession. Since then I have committed these sins…"

Now tell all your sins and how many times you committed each. If there is something you don't know how to tell, just say, "Please help me, Father," and the priest will help you. After you have told all your sins, say what you have been taught to say, or you may say:

"That is all, Father."

The priest tells you what to do for your penance. Then he tells you to say the Act of Contrition. Then leave the confessional. You must then do the penance that the priest imposed on you.

Prayers after Confession

Prayer 1

May my confession, O Lord, by the merits of Blessed Mary, ever virgin, Thy Mother, and of all the saints, be pleasing and acceptable in Thy sight. Let Thy goodness and mercy supply for whatever has been wanting in my contrition and in the purity and integrity of my confession. Deign Thou mercifully to regard me perfectly and entirely absolved in heaven. Who livest and reignest God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer 2

O Almighty and most merciful God, I give Thee thanks with all the powers of my soul for this and all other mercies, graces, and blessings bestowed on me; and prostrating myself at Thy sacred feet, I offer myself to be henceforth forever Thine. Let nothing in life or death ever separate me from Thee! I renounce with my whole soul all my treasons against Thee and all the abominations and sins of my past life. I renew my promises made in Baptism, and from this moment I dedicate myself eternally to Thy love and service. Grant that for the time to come I may detest sin more than death itself and avoid all such occasions and companies as have unhappily brought me to it. This I resolve to do by the aid of Thy divine grace, without which I can do nothing. Amen.

Prayers before and after Mass

Prayers before Mass

Main Prayer

ANTIPHON: Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our fathers; and take not vengeance on our sins. (P.T. Alleluia.)

V. Lord, have mercy on us.
R. Christ, have mercy on us.
V. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father...

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil

V. I said: Lord, have mercy upon me.
R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
V. Turn Thou a little towards us, O Lord.
R. And be entreated for Thy servants.
V. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
R. As we have hoped in Thee.
V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness.
R. And let Thy saints rejoice.
V. From my secret sins cleanse me, O Lord.
R. And from those of others, spare Thy servant.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

LET US PRAY: Incline the ears of Thy loving kindness, most gracious God, unto our prayers, and enlighten our heart with the grace of the Holy Spirit, that we may worthily celebrate Thy mysteries and love Thee with an everlasting love.

O God, unto whom every heart is open, every desire known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily praise Thy Holy Name.

Burn our reins and our heart, O Lord, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a clean heart.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Comforter who proceedeth from Thee may enlighten our minds and lead us into all truth, as Thy Son hath promised.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, that the power of the Holy Spirit may be with us, mercifully cleansing our hearts and defending them from all harm.

O God, who didst teach the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.

Cleanse our thoughts, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy visitation, that when our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, shall come, He may find within us a dwelling prepared for Him. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin

O most Blessed Virgin Mary, most loving and most merciful Mother, I, a wretched and unworthy sinner, come before thee with the heartfelt prayer that in thy goodness thou wouldest deign graciously to be near me and all who throughout the whole Church are to receive the Body and Blood of thy Son this day, even as thou didst stand by thy most dear Son as He hung on the cross, that, aided by thy gracious help, we may worthily offer up a pure and acceptable sacrifice in the sight of the most high and undivided Trinity. Amen. *(Indulgence of 3 years.) (No. 747)*

Prayer to St. Joseph

O Blessed Joseph, happy man, to whom it was given not only to see and to hear that God whom many kings longed to see, and saw not, to hear, and heard not; but also to carry Him in your arms, to embrace Him, to clothe Him, and to guard and defend Him.

V. Pray for us, O Blessed Joseph.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: O God, who hast given us a royal priesthood, we beseech Thee, that as Blessed Joseph was found worthy to touch with his hands and to bear in his arms Thine only begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary, so may we be made fit, by cleanliness of heart and blamelessness of life, to minister at Thy holy altar; may we, this day, with reverent devotion partake of the sacred Body and Blood of Thine only begotten Son; and may we in the world to come be accounted worthy of receiving an everlasting reward. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Indulgence of 3 years.) (No. 747)*

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, behold, I approach the Sacrament of Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I approach as one who is sick, to the physician of life; as one unclean, to the fountain of mercy; as one blind, to the light of eternal brightness; as one poor and needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth. Therefore I beseech Thee, of Thine infinite goodness, to heal my sickness, to wash away my filth, to enlighten my blindness, to enrich my poverty, and to clothe my nakedness, that I may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords, with such reverence and humility, with such contrition and devotion, with such purity and faith, with such purpose and intention as may conduce to the salvation of my soul. Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of our Lord, but also the fruit and virtue of this Sacrament. O most indulgent God, grant me so to receive the Body of Thine only begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that I may be found worthy to be incorporated with His mystical body and numbered among His members. O most loving Father, grant that I may one day contemplate for ever, face to face, Thy beloved Son, whom now on my pilgrimage I am about to receive under the sacramental veils; who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen. *(Indulgence of 3 years; plenary indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions with a visit to a church.)*

Prayers after Communion

Spiritual Communion

This prayer is for those who have not received Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art really present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love Thee above everything else, and I long to receive Thee into my soul. I cannot now receive Thee in Holy Communion, but I beg Thee to come to me at least spiritually. I embrace Thee as already there and unite myself entirely to Thee. Grant that I may never be separated from Thee!

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Oh my good Jesus, hear me,
Within Thy wounds hide me,
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee,
From the malignant enemy defend me,
In the hour of death call me
And bid me come unto Thee,
So that with Thy saints I may praise Thee,
Forever and ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

How delectable is the sweetness of Thy heavenly Bread! How admirable is the tranquility and how perfect the peace of him who receives Thee, after the contrite and sincere confession of his sins! Be Thou blessed a thousand times, my Jesus! When I was in sin, I was unhappy; but now not only is my soul at peace, but I seem to have a foretaste of the peace of paradise! Ah, how true it is that our hearts were made for Thee, my beloved Lord, and that they rest only when they rest in Thee! Therefore do I give Thee thanks and firmly purpose evermore to avoid sin and its occasions and to fix my abode in Thy Sacred Heart, whence I look for help to love Thee even unto death. Amen. *(An indulgence of 500 days. A plenary indulgence once a month for the daily repetition of this prayer on condition of sacramental confession, a visit to a church or public oratory and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) (S. C. Ind., June 3, 1896; S. P. Ap., Feb. 25 1933.)*

Prayer of St. Bonaventure

Pierce my inmost soul, O most sweet Lord Jesus Christ, with the most joyous and healthful wound of Thy love; with true, serene, and most holy apostolic charity; that my soul may ever languish and melt with love and longing for Thee; that it may yearn for Thee and faint for Thy courts, and long to be dissolved and to be with Thee. Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the Bread of Angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and supersubstanial bread, having all sweetness and savour and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savour; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God; may it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain to Thee, mediate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end; mayest Thou alone be ever my hope, my entire assurance, my riches, my delight, my pleasure, my joy, my rest and tranquility, my sweetness, my fragrance, my sweet savour, my refreshment, my refuge, my help, my wisdom, my portion, my possession and my treasure, in whom may my mind and my heart be fixed and firm and rooted immovably henceforth and forever. Amen. *(Indulgence 3 years – S.C. Indulg., Dec. 20, 1884; S. Pen. Ap., Nov. 16, 1917, and Oct. 3, 1936.)*

Prayer

I give Thee thanks, O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, who hast vouchsafed, not for any merits of mine but solely out of the condescension of Thy mercy, to satisfy me, a sinner, Thine unworthy servant, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this Holy Communion be not to me a condemnation unto punishment but a saving plea unto forgiveness. May it be unto me the armour of faith and the shield of good will. May it be the emptying out of my vices, the extinction of all concupiscence and lust, the increase of charity and patience, of humility and obedience, and of all virtues; a strong defense against the snares of all enemies, visible and invisible; the perfect quieting of all my evil impulses, both fleshly and ghostly; a firm cleaving unto Thee, the one true God; and a pledge of a blessed destiny. And I beseech Thee that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to bring me, a sinner, to that ineffable banquet where Thou, with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit, art to Thy saints true light, fullness of content, eternal joy, gladness without alloy, and perfect bliss. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Indulgence of 3 years; plenary indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions)*

Additional Prayer

My Lord Jesus Christ, most sweet and most kind, who even now, of Thy great goodness, hast entered into this poor and humble abode, adorn it and enrich it with Thy treasures, that it may be made worthy of Thine indwelling. Take up Thy rest therein, that my heart may find its rest in Thee alone. Let it not suffice Thee, O Lord, to have given me Thy sacred Body; give me also the treasures of grace which Thou bringest with Thee; for it will profit me little to eat the Bread of Life if I remain unfed by Thy grace. Give me, O Lord, a heart completely transformed into Thee by love; give me a life that shall be all Thine, a holy death that shall be the beginning of eternal life. That is what I look for, pray and hope for from Thee, my eternal God, by virtue of this Blessed Sacrament. Amen. *(Indulgence of 500 days) (S. P. Ap., July 8,1935).*

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

O Salutaris Hostia

Latin Version:

O Salutaris hostia, / Quae coeli pandis ostium: / Bella premunt hostilia / Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino / Sit sempiterna gloria: / Qui vitam sine termino, / Nobis donet in patria. / Amen.

English Version:

O saving Victim, opening wide / The gate of heaven to man below! / Our foes press on from every side: / Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow. /

To Thy great name be endless praise, / Immortal Godhead, one in three! / Oh, grant us endless length of days / In our true native land with Thee. / Amen.

Tantum Ergo

Latin Version

Tantum ergo Sacramentum / Veneremur cernui, / Et antiquum documentum / Novo cedat ritui / Praestet fides supplementum / Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque / Laus et jubilatio, / Salus, honor, virtus quoque / Sit et benedictio, / Procedenti ab utroque / Compar sit laudatio. / Amen.

V. Panem de coelo praestitisti eis.
R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem.

V. Oremus: Deus, qui nobis, sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti, tribue quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.
R. Amen.

English Version:

Down in adoration falling, / Lo! the sacred Host we hail, / Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing / Newer rites of grace prevail; / Faith for all defects supplying, / Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father, / And the Son who reigns on high. / With the Holy Spirit proceeding / Forth from each eternally, / Be salvation, honor blessing, / Might and endless majesty. / Amen.

V. Thou hast given them bread from heaven.
R. Having within it all sweetness.

V. Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within us the fruit of Thy redemption.
R. Amen.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

Adoro Te

O hidden Godhead, humbly I adore Thee, / Who truly are beneath the forms in view. / To Thee I bow my heart and bend the knee, / Since, contemplating Thee, all fails for me.

Sight, touch, and taste in Thee are each deceived: / The ear alone most safely is believed. / I firmly hold whate'er God's Son has spoken, / Than Truth's own word there is no truer token.

God only on the cross was hid from view, / But here hides Deity and manhood too; / And I in both professing firm belief, / Make mine the prayer of the repentant thief.

Your wounds, as Thomas saw, I do not see, / Yet Thee confess my Lord and God to be. / My faith confirm and childlike trust impart, / And may I love Thee, Lord, with all my heart.

O Blest Memorial of our Lord's own dying: / O Living Bread, to mortals life supplying: / Make Thou my soul henceforth on Thee to live; / Ever a taste of heavenly sweetness give.

O 1oving Pelican! O Jesu Lord! / Unclean I am, but cleanse me in Thy blood: / Of which a single drop, for sinners spilt, / Can purge the entire world from all its guilt.

O Jesus, whom at present veiled I see, / What I so thirst for, grant to me: / That I may see Thy blessed Self unfolding, / And may find rest Thy glory in beholding. Amen. *(An indulgence of 7 years if this Hymn (or only the last stanza) is said before the Blessed Sacrament.) (No. 166)*

Litanies

Litany of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
Have mercy on us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
Jesus, splendor of the Father,
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, sun of justice,
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, most amiable,
Jesus, most admirable,
Jesus, mighty God,
Jesus, father of the world to come,
Jesus, angel of great counsel,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,
Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, example of virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, king of patriarchs,
Jesus, master of apostles,
Jesus, teacher of evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,
Be merciful,
Spare us, O Jesus.
Be merciful,
Graciously hear us, O Jesus.

From all evil,
Jesus, deliver us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
From all sin,
From Thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From everlasting death,
From the neglect of Thine inspirations,
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thine infancy,
Through Thy most divine life,
Through Thy labours,
Through Thine agony and Passion,
Through Thy cross and dereliction,
Through Thy sufferings,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy resurrection,
Through Thy ascension,
Through Thine institution of the most Holy Eucharist,
Through Thy joys,
Through Thy glory,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Jesus.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us, O Jesus.

V. Jesus, hear us.
R. Jesus, graciously hear us.

LET US PRAY: O Lord Jesus Christ, who saidst: Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech Thee, to us Thy supplicants, the gift of Thy most divine love, that we may love Thee with our whole heart, and in all our words and works, and never cease from praising Thee.

O Lord, give us a perpetual fear as well as love of Thy holy Name, for Thou never ceasest to govern those whom Thou foundest upon the strength of Thy love. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen. *(Indulgence of 7 years; a plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions when recited daily for a month.) (No. 114)*

Litany of the Sacred Heart

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father,
Have mercy on us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother,
Heart of Jesus, hypostatically united to the Eternal Word,
Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty,
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God,
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High,
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven,
Heart of Jesus, burning furnace of charity,
Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love,
Heart of Jesus, full of all goodness and love,
Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues,
Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise,
Heart of Jesus, king and center of our hearts,
Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,
Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells the fullness of the divinity,
Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased,
Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received,
Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills,
Heart of Jesus, patient and abounding in mercy,
Heart of Jesus, rich unto all that call upon Thee,
Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness,
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins,
Heart of Jesus, filled with reproaches,
Heart of Jesus, bruised for our offenses,
Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death,
Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance,
Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation,
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,
Heart of Jesus, victim for sin,
Heart of Jesus, salvation of them that hope in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, hope of them that die in Thee,
Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.
R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

LET US PRAY: Almighty and Eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy dearly beloved Son and the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee on the behalf of sinners. Appeased by worthy homage, pardon those who implore Thy mercy, in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen. *(Indulgence of 7 years; a plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions when recited daily for a month) (245)*

Litany of the Holy Spirit

(For private devotion only)

Lord, have mercy on us,
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us,
Father all powerful,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, Redeemer of the world,
Save us.
Spirit of the Father and the Son, boundless life of both,
Sanctify us.
Holy Trinity,
Hear us.
Holy Spirit, who proceedest from the Father and the Son,
Enter our hearts.
Holy Spirit, who art equal to the Father and the Son,
Enter our hearts.

Promise of God the Father,
Have mercy on us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
Ray of heavenly light,
Author of all good,
Source of heavenly water,
Consuming fire,
Ardent charity,
Spiritual unction,
Spirit of love and truth,
Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
Spirit of counsel and fortitude,
Spirit of knowledge and piety,
Spirit of the fear of the Lord,
Spirit of grace and prayer,
Spirit of peace and meekness,
Spirit of modesty and innocence,
Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier,
Holy Spirit, who governest the Church,
Gift of God, the Most High,
Spirit who fillest the universe,
Spirit of the adoption of the children of God,
Holy Spirit,
Inspire us with the horror of sin.
Holy Spirit,
Come and renew the face of the earth.
Holy Spirit,
Shed Thy light in our souls.
Holy Spirit,
Engrave Thy law in our hearts.
Holy Spirit,
Inflame us with the flame of Thy love.
Holy Spirit,
Open to us the treasures of Thy graces.
Holy Spirit,
Teach us to pray well.
Holy Spirit,
Enlighten us with Thy heavenly inspirations.
Holy Spirit,
Lead us in the way of salvation.
Holy Spirit,
Grant us the only necessary knowledge.
Holy Spirit,
Inspire in us the practice of good.
Holy Spirit,
Grant us the merits of all virtues.
Holy Spirit,
Make us persevere in justice.
Holy Spirit,
Be Thou our everlasting reward.

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Send us Thy Holy Spirit.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Pour down into our souls the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us the Spirit of wisdom and piety.

V. Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Thy faithful.

R. And enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.

LET US PRAY: Grant, O merciful Father, that Thy Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame, and purify us, that He may penetrate us with His heavenly dew and make us fruitful in good works; through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God.
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Pray for us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of angels,
Queen of patriarchs,
Queen of prophets,
Queen of apostles,
Queen of martyrs,
Queen of confessors,
Queen of virgins,
Queen of all saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of peace,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body, and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrows and enter into that joy which hath no end. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Indulgence of 7 years; a plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions when recited daily for a month) (No. 319)*

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Pray for us. *(repeat after each versicle)*

St. Joseph,
Illustrious Son of David,
Light of the Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster father of the Son of God,
Diligent protector of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,
Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most strong,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,
Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of laborers,
Glory of home life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Consolation of the afflicted,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of his household.
R. And prince over all his possessions.

LET US PRAY: O God, who in Thine ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him for our intercessor in heaven whom we venerate as our protector on earth. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen. *(Indulgence of 5 years; a plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions when recited daily for a month) (No. 462)*

Litany of St. Anne

(For private devotion only)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, Queen of angels and of saints,
Pray for us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
St. Anne,
St. Anne, mother of Mary, the Queen of heaven,
St. Anne, instrument of the Holy Spirit,
St. Anne, faithful spouse of St. Joachim,
St. Anne, mirror of the married,
St. Anne, example of widows,
St. Anne, miracle of patience,
St. Anne, mother of confidence,
St. Anne, mother of constancy,
St. Anne, mother of prayer,
St. Anne, mother of blessing,
St. Anne, vessel of sanctity,
St. Anne, merciful mother,
St. Anne, comfortress of the afflicted,

St. Anne, help of the poor,
St. Anne, protectress of virgins,
St. Anne, support of the oppressed,
St. Anne, refuge of thy clients,

Through thy love for Jesus and Mary,
We beseech thee, hear us. (repeat after each versicle)
Through thy virtues and merits,
Through thy goodness and mercy,
Through thy compassion and charity,
Through the graces bestowed on thee by God,
Through the joys thou didst experience with Jesus and Mary,
Through the happiness thou dost enjoy for all eternity,
Through the honor given thee by the saints in heaven,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, St. Anne.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: O God, who didst vouchsafe to endow blessed Anne with grace so that she might be worthy to become the mother of her who brought forth Thine only begotten Son: mercifully grant that we who devoutly venerate her memory may also be helped by her powerful intercession. Through Christ our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Other prayers to St. Anne

Memorare to Saint Anne, p. 70.

Novena Prayer to St. Anne, p. 97.

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Litany of the Saints

*On the vigils of Easter and Pentecost, the invocations marked * are omitted; for the remaining invocations each verse and response are said twice. On Rogation Days no invocations are omitted and all verses and responses are said twice. (S.R.C., 3993, ad 4)*

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
Pray for us. (repeat after each versicle)
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,
St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye holy orders of blessed Spirits,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
*St. James,
St. John,
*St. Thomas,
*St. James,
*St. Philip,
*St. Bartholomew,
*St. Matthew,
*St. Simon,
*St. Thaddeus,
*St. Matthias,
*St. Barnabas,
*St. Luke,
*St. Mark,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
*All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
*Ss. Fabian and Sebastian,
*Ss. John and Paul,
*Ss. Cosmas and Damian,
*Ss. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
*St. Ambrose,
St. Augustine,
*St. Jerome,
*St. Martin,
*St. Nicholas,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Benedict,
*St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalene,
St. Agatha,
*St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,
St. Cecilia,

*St. Catherine,
St. Anastasia,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,

All ye holy men and women,
Saints of God,
Make intercession for us.
Be merciful,
Spare us, O Lord.
Be merciful,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
From all evil,
O Lord, deliver us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
From all sin,
*From Thy wrath,

For the Litany of the Saints, omit "A" and continue at "B." For the Forty Hours' Devotion continue at "A" and omit "B."

A

From the threatening dangers,
From the scourge of earthquake,
From plague, famine, and war,
From sudden and unprovided death,
From the snares of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,

Go to "C" to continue this devotion.

B

*From sudden and unprovided death,
*From the snares of the devil,
*From anger, hatred, and all ill will,
*From the spirit of fornication,
*From lightning and tempest,
*From the scourge of earthquake,
*From plague, famine, and war,

Continue with "C."

C

From everlasting death,
Through the mystery of Thy holy Incarnation,
Through Thy coming,
Through Thy nativity,
Through Thy baptism and holy fasting,
Through Thy cross and Passion,
Through Thy death and burial,
Through Thy holy resurrection,
Through Thine admirable ascension,
Through the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete,
In the day of judgment,

We sinners,
We beseech Thee, hear us. *(repeat after each versicle)*
That Thou wouldst spare us,
*That Thou wouldst pardon us,
*That Thou wouldst bring us to true penance,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to govern and preserve Thy holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to preserve our Holy Father[2], and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to humble the enemies of Thy holy Church,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to all Christian kings and princes,
*That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,
*That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to restore to the unity of the Church all who have strayed from the truth, and lead all unbelievers to the light of the Gospel,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to confirm and preserve us in Thy holy service,
*That Thou wouldst lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That Thou wouldst render eternal blessings to all our benefactors,
*That Thou wouldst deliver our souls and the souls of our brethren, relatives, and benefactors from eternal damnation,

[2] When the Holy See is vacant, omit this versicle and its response.

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth,
That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,

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In the conferring of Major Orders, the bishop, turning to those to be ordained, blesses them thrice, saying:

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to +bless these chosen ones,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to +bless and +hallow these chosen ones,

That Thou wouldst vouchsafe to +bless, +hallow, and +consecrate these chosen ones,

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That Thou wouldst vouchsafe graciously to hear us,
*Son of God,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father… *(prayed silently)*

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.

Psalm 69

Make haste, O God, to deliver me: make haste to help me, O Lord. Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul. Let them be turned backward and put to confusion that desire evils to me. Let them be turned back with shame that say unto me: Aha, Aha. Let all those that seek Thee be joyful and glad in Thee, and let such as love Thy salvation say continually: Let the Lord be magnified. But I am poor and needy: help me, O God. Thou art my helper and my deliverer: O Lord, make no tarrying.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.
V. Save Thy servants.
R. Who hope in Thee, O my God.
V. Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength.
R. From the face of the enemy.
V. Let not the enemy prevail against us.
R. Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us.
V. O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.
R. Neither requite us according to our iniquities.
V. Let us pray for our Sovereign Pontiff, **N.**[3]
R. The Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.
V. Let us pray for our benefactors.
R. Vouchsafe, O Lord, for Thy name's sake, to reward with eternal life all those who do us good. Amen.
V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
V. May they rest in peace.
R. Amen.
V. For our absent brethren.
R. Save Thy servants, who hope in Thee, O my God.
V. Send them help, O Lord, from the holy place.
R. And from Sion protect them.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with thee.
R. And with thy spirit.

Forty Hours' Devotion stops here and continues with Ending prayers for Forty Hours' Devotion, p. 53.

LET US PRAY: O God, whose property is always to have mercy and to spare, receive our humble petition: that we, and all Thy servants who are bound by the chains of sin, may by the compassion of Thy goodness mercifully be absolved.

Graciously hear, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of those who confess to Thee: that in Thy bounty Thou mayest grant us both pardon and peace.

In Thy clemency, O Lord, show unto us Thine unspeakable mercy: that Thou mayest both loose us from all our sins and deliver us from the punishment which we deserve for them.

O God, who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy people making supplication to Thee, and turn away the scourges of Thine anger, which we deserve for our sins.

Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant **N.**, our Sovereign Pontiff, and direct him according to Thy clemency into the way of eternal salvation, that by Thy grace he may both desire those things that are pleasing to Thee and perform them with all his strength.[4]

O God, from whom holy desires, good counsels, and all just works do proceed, grant unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that our hearts being set to obey Thy commandments and the fear of our enemies being removed, we may by Thy protection pass our time in peace.

Inflame, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit: that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and please Thee with a clean heart.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins: that through our pious supplications they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired.

Direct, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance: that every prayer and work of ours may begin always from Thee and through Thee be happily ended.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead and art merciful to all those who Thou foreknowest shall be Thine by faith and good works, we humbly beseech Thee that they for whom we intend to pour forth our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh, or the world to come hath already received them out of their bodies, may through the intercession of all Thy saints, by the clemency of Thy goodness,

[3] When the Holy See is vacant, omit this versicle and its response.

[4] When the Holy See is vacant, omit this prayer.

obtain the remission of all their sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
R. Amen.

V. The Lord be with thee.
R. And with thy spirit.
V. May the almighty and merciful Lord graciously hear us.
R. Amen.
V. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen. *(Indulgence of 5 years; a plenary indulgence once a month under the usual conditions when recited daily for a month) (No. 687)*

Litany for the Forty Hours' Devotion

1. Pray the Litany of the Saints *and follow the instructions for this devotion.*

Ending Prayers for Forty Hours' Devotion

2. Instead of the concluding prayers for the Litany of the Saints, *pray the following:*

LET US PRAY: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to reverence the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within us the fruit of Thy redemption.

3. Then pray one of the following prayers of the Blessed Virgin, according to the season:

From Candlemas to Easter, and from Trinity Sunday to Advent:

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord God, that we Thy servants may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, may be delivered from present sorrows and enter into that joy which hath no end.

From Advent to Christmas Day:

O God, who wast pleased that Thy Word, at the message of an angel, should take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary: grant to us Thy humble servants that we who believe her to be truly the Mother of God may be assisted by her intercession with Thee.

From Christmas Day to the Purification:

O God, who by the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may experience her intercession, by whom we received the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son.

During Paschaltide:

O God, who didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that through His Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life.

(Then pray the following prayers)

Almighty and eternal God, have mercy on Thy servant **N.**, our Sovereign Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy clemency, in the way of everlasting salvation, that, by Thy grace, he may desire those things that are agreeable to Thee, and perform them with all his strength.[5]

[5] When the Holy See is vacant, omit this prayer.

O God, our refuge and our strength, fountain of all goodness, mercifully give ear to the fervent prayers of Thy Church, and grant that what we ask with faith we may effectually obtain.

Almighty and eternal God, in whose hands are all the powers and all the rights of kingdoms, come to the assistance of Thy Christian people, that all pagan and heretical nations, who trust in their own violence and craft, may be broken by the might of Thy right hand.

Almighty and eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead and art merciful to all who Thou foreknowest will be Thine by faith and good works, we humbly beseech Thee that they for whom we have determined to offer up our prayers, whether this present world still detain them in the flesh or the world to come hath already received them out of their bodies, may, by Thy clemency and goodness, all Thy saints interceding for them, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who with Thee liveth and reigneth in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. May the almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us.
R. And may He ever keep us. Amen.
V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Litany of St. Gabriel

(For private devotion only)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of angels,
Have mercy on us.

Mary, Queen of angels,
Pray for us. (repeat after each versicle)
St. Gabriel the Archangel,
Strength from God,
Teacher of the nations,
Angel of the Incarnation,
Messenger of God's revelation,
Bearer of the "good news" of the Redemption,
God's faithful ambassador to Zachary and the Virgin Mary,
Faithful servant of the God-Man,
Angel of consolation at the Saviour's agony,
Friend and consoler of the Mother of God,
Guide and helper of St. Joseph,
Teacher and support of the prophet Daniel,
Patron of parents and teachers,
Guide to union with Jesus and Mary,
Consoler of those who suffer,
Strength of the weak,
Patron saint of modern communications,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, St. Gabriel the Archangel.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: God, our Father, in a wonderful way Thou dost guide the work of angels and men, grant that those who serve Thy majesty constantly in heaven may keep our lives safe from all harm on earth. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thine only begotten Son. Amen.

End by praying The Angelus, p. 58.

Litany of Saint Raphael

(For private devotion only)

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of heaven,
Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.
Jesus, King of angels,
Have mercy on us.

Mary, Queen of angels,
Pray for us. (repeat after each versicle)
St. Raphael the Archangel,
St. Raphael, whose name means "God has healed,"
St. Raphael, preserved with the good angels in God's kingdom,
St. Raphael, one of the seven spirits who stand before the Most High,
St. Raphael, ministering to God in heaven,
St. Raphael, noble and mighty messenger of God,
St. Raphael, devoted to the holy will of God,

St. Raphael, who offered God the prayers of the elder Tobias,
St. Raphael, traveling companion of the young Tobias,
St. Raphael, who guarded thy friends from danger,
St. Raphael, who found a worthy wife for Tobias,
St. Raphael, who delivered Sara from the evil spirits,
St. Raphael, who healed the elder Tobias of his blindness,
St. Raphael, guide and protector on our journey through life,
St. Raphael, strong helper in time of need,
St. Raphael, conqueror of evil,
St. Raphael, guide and counselor of young people,
St. Raphael, protector of pure souls,
St. Raphael, patron angel of youth,
St. Raphael, Angel of joy,
St. Raphael, Angel of happy meetings,
St. Raphael, Angel of chaste courtship,
St. Raphael, Angel of those seeking a marriage partner,
St. Raphael, Angel of happy marriage,
St. Raphael, Angel of home life,
St. Raphael, Angel guardian of the Christian family,
St. Raphael, protector of travelers,
St. Raphael, patron of health,
St. Raphael, heavenly physician,
St. Raphael, helper of the blind,
St. Raphael, healer of the sick,
St. Raphael, patron of physicians,
St. Raphael, consoler of the afflicted,
St. Raphael, support of the dying,
St. Raphael, herald of blessings,
St. Raphael, defender of the Church,

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Raphael the Archangel.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: O God, who graciously gave the Archangel Raphael as a companion to Thy servant Tobias on his journey, grant us, Thy servants, that we may ever enjoy his protection and be strengthened by his help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany of Humility
O Jesus! meek and humble of heart,
Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
Deliver me, Jesus. (repeat after each versicle)
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honored,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred to others,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,
From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,

That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it. (repeat after each versicle)
That others may be esteemed more than I,
That in the opinion of the world others may increase and I may decrease,
That others may be chosen and I set aside,
That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
That others may be preferred to me in everything,
That others become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should,

LET US PRAY: **Act of love to the Blessed Virgin Mary:** O Mary, my Mother, how greatly I love Thee! And yet, how little is my love! Thou teachest me all that is necessary for me to know because Thou teachest me what Jesus is for me and what I ought to be for Jesus. Amen.

(His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val was accustomed to recite this litany after the celebration of Holy Mass.)

Exorcism Prayers

Leo XIII's Exorcism Prayer

First recite the Act of Contrition, p. 30. *The* Litany of the Saints, p. 50, *is optional*.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered: and let them that hate Him flee from before His face!

As smoke vanisheth, so let them vanish away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God (Ps. 67:2-3). Judge Thou, O Lord, them that wrong me: overthrow them that fight against me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek after my soul. Let them be turned back and be confounded that devise evil against me. Let them become as dust before the wind: and let the Angel of the Lord straighten them.

Let their way become dark and slippery: and let the Angel of the Lord pursue them.

For without cause they have hidden their net for me unto destruction: without cause they have upbraided my soul.

Let the snare which he knoweth not, come upon him: and let the net which he hath hidden, catch him: and into that very snare let him fall. But my soul shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall be delighted in His salvation (Ps. 34:1, 4-9).

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

O most glorious Prince of the heavenly armies, St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the battle and in our wrestling against Principalities and Powers, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places (Eph. 6:12). Come to the aid of men, whom God created incorruptible, and to the image of His own likeness He made him (Wis. 2:23); and from the tyranny of the devil He bought him at a great price (Cor. 7:23).

Fight the battles of the Lord today with the army of the blessed angels, as once thou didst fight against Lucifer, the leader of pride, and his apostate angels; and they prevailed not: neither was their place found anymore in heaven. But that great dragon was cast out, the old serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, who seduceth the whole world. And he was cast unto the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him (Apoc. 12:8-9).

Behold, the ancient enemy and murderer strongly raises his head! Transformed into an angel of light, with the entire horde of wicked spirits he goes about everywhere and takes possession of the earth, so that therein he may blot out the name of God and of His Christ and steal away, afflict, and ruin into everlasting destruction the souls destined for a crown of eternal glory.

On men depraved in mind and corrupt in heart, the wicked dragon pours out like a most foul river the poison of his villainy, a spirit of lying, impiety, and blasphemy, and the deadly breath of lust and of all iniquities and vices. Her most crafty enemies have engulfed the Church, the Spouse of the Immaculate Lamb; with sorrows they have drenched her with wormwood; on all her desirable things they have laid their wicked hands.

Where the See of the Blessed Peter and the Chair of Truth have been set up for the light of the Gentiles, there they have placed the throne of the abomination of their wickedness, so that the Pastor having been struck, they may also be able to scatter the flock. Therefore, O thou unconquerable Leader, be present with the people of God and against the spiritual wickedness which is bursting in upon them; and bring them the victory.

The Holy Church venerates thee as its guardian and patron, and it glories in the fact that thou art its defender against the wicked powers of earth and hell. To thee the Lord has assigned the souls of the redeemed to be placed in heavenly bliss. Beseech the God of Peace to crush Satan under our feet, that he may no more be able to hold men captive and to harm the Church.

Offer our prayers in the sight of the Most High, so that the mercies of the Lord may quickly come to our aid, that thou mayest seize the dragon, the ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan; and that having bound him, thou mayest cast him into the bottomless pit, so that he may no more seduce the nations (Apoc. 20:3).

Hence confiding in thy protection and guardianship, [*say the following only if you are an authorized minister:* by the sacred authority of our ministry,] we confidently and securely begin the task, in the name of Jesus Christ our God and Lord, of driving away the attacks of diabolical deceit.

V. Behold the Cross of the Lord; flee away ye hostile forces.
R. The Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath conquered.
V. May Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us.
R. Since we have hoped in Thee.
V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with thee.
R. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY: O God, and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we invoke Thy Holy Name; and we humbly implore Thy mercy, that by the intercession of the Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, ever Virgin, of blessed Michael the Archangel, of blessed Joseph the spouse of the same blessed Virgin, of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, Thou wouldst deign to afford us help against Satan and all the other unclean spirits and against whatever wanders throughout the world to do harm to the human race and to ruin souls. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

The Main Exorcism Prayer

(Recite standing)

NOTE: *(+) denotes that the Sign of the Cross is to be made within the prayer, as indicated.*

We exorcize thee, O every unclean spirit, Satanic power, infernal invader, wicked legion, assembly and sect; in the name and by the power of Our Lord Jesus Christ (+); may thou be snatched away and driven from the Church of God and from the souls made to the image and likeness of God and redeemed by the precious blood of the Divine Lamb (+). Most cunning serpent, thou shalt no more dare to deceive the human race, persecute the Church, torment God's elect, and sift them as wheat (+). The Most High God commands thee (+): He with whom in your great insolence thou still claimest to be equal; He who wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Tim 2:4).

God the Father commands thee (+), God the Son commands thee (+), God the Holy Spirit commands thee (+). The majesty of Christ, the Eternal Word of God made flesh, commands thee (+); He who to save our race, outdone through thy envy, "humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death" (Phil. 2:8); He who has built His Church on the firm rock and declared that the gates of hell shall never prevail against Her, because He will dwell with Her "all days even to the end of the world" (Matt. 28:20). The sacred Sign of the Cross commands thee (+), as does also the power of the Mysteries of the Christian Faith (+). The glorious Mother of God, the Virgin Mary, commands thee (+); she who by her humility and from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception crushed thy proud head. The faith of the holy Apostles Peter and Paul and of the other Apostles commands thee (+). The blood of the martyrs and the pious intercession of all the saints command thee (+).

Thus, cursed dragon and thee diabolical legion, we adjure thee by the Living God (+), by the True God (+), by the Holy God (+), by the God "who so loved the world that He gave up His only Son, that every soul believing in Him might not perish but have life everlasting" (John 3:16), stop deceiving human creatures and pouring out to them the poison of eternal damnation; stop harming the Church and ensnaring her liberty. Begone, Satan, inventor and master of all deceit, enemy of man's salvation. Give place to Christ in whom thou hast found none of your works; give place to the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church acquired by Christ at the price of His blood. Stoop beneath the powerful hand of God; tremble and flee when we invoke the holy and terrible name of Jesus, this name which causes hell to tremble, this name to which the Virtues, Powers, and Dominations of heaven are humbly submissive, this name which the Cherubim and Seraphim praise unceasingly repeating: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, the God of armies!

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. May the Lord be with thee.
R. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY: God of Heaven, God of Earth, God of Angels, God of Archangels, God of Patriarchs, God of Prophets, God of Apostles, God of Martyrs, God of Confessors, God of Virgins, God who has power to give life after death and rest after work, because there is no other God than Thee and there can be no other, for Thou art the Creator of all things, visible and invisible, of whose reign there shall be no end. We humbly prostrate ourselves before Thy glorious majesty; and we beseech Thee to deliver us by Thy power from all the tyranny of the infernal spirits, from their snares, their lies, and their furious wickedness; deign, O Lord, to grant us Thy powerful protection and to keep us safe and sound. We beseech Thee through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

V. From the snares of the devil,
R. Deliver us, O Lord.
V. Grant that Thy Church may serve Thee in secure liberty.
R. We beseech Thee, hear us.
V. Deign to crush down the enemies of the Holy Church.
R. We beseech Thee, hear us.

While reciting the Exorcism Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel, p. 57, *holy water is sprinkled on the persons present and in the place where the exorcism is done, usually the home and property.*

Then repeat 3 times:

V. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.
R. Have mercy on us.

Exorcism Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Exorcism Prayer of St. Benedict

Latin Version:

Crux Sancti Patri Benedicti / Crux Sacra Sit Mihi Lux / Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux / Vade Retro Satana! / Numquam Suade Mihi Vana! / Sunt Mala Quae Libas. / Ipse Venena Bibas!

English Version:

The Cross of the holy Father Benedict / The Holy Cross will be my light / May the dragon never be my guide / Begone Satan! / Never tempt me with your vanities! / What you offer me is evil./ Drink the poison yourself!

Prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Magnificat

Luke 1, 46-55 (Canticle of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

+ My soul doth magnify the Lord; And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior,

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed,

Because he that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is his name,

And his mercy is from generation unto generation to those that fear him.

He hath showed might in his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel, his servant, being mindful of his mercy,

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. Amen.

The Angelus

(Prayed daily from Trinity Sunday to Holy Saturday at dawn, noon, and eventide, or as soon thereafter as may be.)

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary…

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary…

V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt amongst us.

Hail Mary…

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Regina Cœli

(Prayed daily from Easter Sunday to the day before Trinity Sunday at dawn, noon, and eventide, or as soon thereafter as may be.)

V. O Queen of Heaven, rejoice!
R. Alleluia!
V. For He whom thou didst merit to bear,
R. Alleluia!
V. Hath risen as He said.
R. Alleluia!
V. Pray for us to God.
R. Alleluia!
V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,
R. Alleluia!
V. For the Lord hath risen indeed.
R. Alleluia!

LET US PRAY: O God, who through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, didst vouchsafe to give joy to the world, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain to the joys of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Little Crown of the Blessed Virgin Mary

I. Crown of Excellence

To honor the divine maternity of the Blessed Virgin, her ineffable virginity, her purity without stain, and her innumerable virtues.

1. Our Father... Hail Mary…

Blessed art thou, O Virgin Mary, who didst bear the Lord, the Creator of the world; thou didst give birth to Him who made thee, and remainest a virgin forever. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

2. Hail Mary…

O holy and immaculate Virgin, I know not with what praise to extol thee since thou didst bear in thy womb the very One whom the heavens cannot contain. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

3. Hail Mary…

Thou art all fair, O Virgin Mary, and there is no stain in thee. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

4. Hail Mary…

Thy virtues, O Virgin, surpass the stars in number. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

Glory be…

II. Crown of Power

To honor the royalty of the Blessed Virgin, her magnificence, her universal mediation, and the strength of her rule.

5. Our Father… Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, O Empress of the world! Bring us with thee to the joys of heaven. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

6. Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, O treasure house of the Lord's graces! Grant us a share in thy riches. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

7. Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, O Mediatrix between God and man! Through thee may the Almighty be favorable to us. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

8. Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, who destroyest heresies and crushest demons! Be thou our loving guide. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

Glory be…

III. Crown of Goodness

To honor the mercy of the Blessed Virgin toward sinners, the poor, the just, and the dying.

9. Our Father… Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, O refuge of sinners! Intercede for us with God. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

10. Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, O Mother of orphans! Render the Almighty favorable to us. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

11. Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, O joy of the just! Lead us with thee to the joys of heaven. Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

12. Hail Mary…

Glory be to thee, who art ever ready to assist us in life and in death! Lead us with thee to the kingdom of heaven! Rejoice, O Virgin Mary; rejoice a thousand times!

Glory be…

LET US PRAY: Hail, Mary, Daughter of God the Father; Hail, Mary, Mother of God the Son; Hail, Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit; Hail, Mary, temple of the most Holy Trinity; Hail, Mary, my Mistress, my treasure, my joy, Queen of my heart, my Mother, my life, my sweetness, my dearest hope—yea, my heart and my soul! I am all thine and all that I have is thine, O Virgin blessed above all things! Let thy soul be in me to magnify the Lord; let thy spirit be in me to rejoice in God. Set thyself, O faithful Virgin, as a seal upon my heart, that in thee and through thee I may be found faithful to God. Receive me, O gracious Virgin, among those whom thou lovest and teachest, whom thou leadest, nourishest, and protectest as thy children. Grant that for love of thee I may despise all earthly consolations and ever cling to those of heaven, until through the Holy Spirit, thy faithful Spouse, and through thee, His faithful Spouse, Jesus Christ thy Son be formed in me for the glory of the Father. Amen.

The Salutation of Mary

Hail Mary! Daughter of God the Father,
Hail Mary! Mother of God the Son,
Hail Mary! Spouse of God the Holy Spirit,
Hail Mary! Temple of the Most Blessed Trinity,
Hail Mary! Pure lily of the effulgent Trinity,
Hail Mary! Celestial rose of the ineffable love of God,
Hail Mary! Virgin pure and humble, of whom the King of heaven willed to be born and with thy milk to be nourished,
Hail Mary! Virgin of virgins,

Hail Mary! Queen of martyrs, whose soul a sword transfixed,
Hail Mary! Lady most blessed, unto whom all power in heaven and earth is given,
Hail Mary! My Queen and my Mother! my life, my sweetness, and my hope.
Hail Mary! Mother most amiable,
Hail Mary! Mother most admirable,
Hail Mary! Mother of divine love,
Hail Mary! Immaculate, conceived without sin!
Hail Mary! Full of grace! The Lord is with thee! Blessed art thou among women! And blessed the fruit of thy womb, Jesus!
Blessed be thy spouse, St. Joseph.
Blessed be thy father, St. Joachim.
Blessed be thy mother, St. Anne.
Blessed be thy guardian, St. John.
Blessed be thy holy angel, St. Gabriel.
Glory be to God the Father, who chose thee.
Glory be to God the Son, who loved thee.
Glory be to God the Holy Spirit, who espoused thee.
O glorious Virgin Mary, may all men love and praise thee.
Holy Mary, Mother of God! Pray for us and bless us, now and at death, in the name of Jesus, thy Divine Son! Amen.

Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Most Blessed Trinity

With all my heart I praise thee, most Holy Virgin, above all angels and saints in paradise, Daughter of the Eternal Father. I consecrate to thee my soul with all its faculties.

Hail Mary…

With all my heart I praise thee, most Holy Virgin, above all angels and saints in paradise, beloved Mother of the Son of God. I consecrate to thee my body with all its senses.

Hail Mary…

With all my heart I praise thee, most Holy Virgin, above all angels and saints in paradise, beloved Spouse of the Holy Spirit. I consecrate to thee my heart with all its affections, and beseech thee to obtain for me from the Most Holy Trinity all the graces necessary for salvation.

Hail Mary…

Memorare to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

The Swords of Sorrow

Which pierced the heart of the Blessed Virgin in the Passion of her Son:

The First Sword

O most sorrowful Virgin Mary, I recall to thy mind now that sharp sword of sorrow which pierced thy soul when thy Beloved, thine only One, came to bid thee farewell and to ask thy maternal blessing ere He went forth to death. Remember, O Mother most afflicted, how thy heart was wrung when thy most tender and only Son, thy delight, so lovingly embraced thee for the last time, and with plaintive voice and tearful eyes bade thee farewell. Remember now your sighs and tears when the hearts so joined together by the strongest ties of love were thus torn asunder and pierced through with that keenest wound of sorrow. By the mournful going away of thy Son, and by all the bitter tears thou didst shed, I beseech thee, O Mary, be with me at the last when all my friends turn away from my lifeless body, and protect me with thy maternal blessing from all the snares of the enemy. Amen.

The Second Sword

O most afflicted Virgin Mary, I recall to thy mind now that keen sword of sorrow which pierced thy soul when the blessed John came to tell thee that thy Son had been betrayed by Judas, seized by the Jews, dragged before Annas and Caiphas, and there blasphemed and mocked, spit upon, buffeted, and overwhelmed with contumely and rude reproach. Remember, O thou most afflicted one, how these mournful tidings pierced thy heart. Oh, remember now the moans and wailing plaints with which thou didst fill the house, how thou didst cry: O Jesus, my Son Jesus, who

will grant me that I might die for thee, O Jesus, my Son, my Son! By that keenest sword of sorrow I beseech thee, O Mary, in my last hour, when my heart shall quake with anguish and the dread of death, do thou deign to cheer me with thy most holy presence, lest I sink into the abyss of despair. Amen.

The Third Sword

O most sad Virgin Mary, I recall to thy mind now that sword of sorrow which pierced thy heart when thou didst behold thy Son led forth by Pilate, His sacred body torn and bleeding, His head crowned with thorns, defiled with spittings, so that there was no beauty in Him nor comeliness. Remember, O Mother most sad, how thy heart was torn when thou didst hear the Jews exclaim: Away with him, away with him! Crucify him! Remember that keenest wound which was dealt upon thy heart when thou didst hear the sentence of an accursed death pronounced by Pilate. Remember all the compassion and the grief which wrung thy Mother's heart when thou didst see thy Son laden with His heavy cross and led forth with direst ignominy to the hill of Calvary. Oh, who shall count thy sighs and tears, who shall tell the sorrows of thy most afflicted heart! I compassionate thee, O Mother most desolate, and I humbly beseech thee be with me in the dread hour of judgment when I am overwhelmed with the accusations of the devil; and drive far from me then all mine enemies. Amen.

The Fourth Sword

O most desolate Virgin Mary, I recall to thy mind now that sword of sorrow which pierced through thy heart when thou didst behold thy Son raised high upon His cross and fastened thereunto with three nails. O most sorrowful Mother, how was it that thy soul was not utterly crushed down and wrenched from thy body? How could it be that thine eyes did not fail for tears? Oh, remember now the sadness which filled thy heart when thou didst behold Him blasphemed, mocked with vinegar and gall in His thirst, reputed viler and treated more ruthlessly than the very robbers. Remember thine ineffable anguish when thou didst see Him fail and sink beneath His impetuous love and grief, His lips grow pale, His limbs quiver, His eyes grow glazed and dim; until at length His heart broke with a mighty pang, and with a loud cry He gave up the ghost. By these thy surpassing sorrows, O Mother most desolate, and by all thy groanings and tears, I beseech thee be with me with the same love when I draw my last breath, when my heart shall break in the agony of death; and deign to receive my soul into thy hands as it goes forth from the body. Amen.

The Fifth Sword

O Virgin Mary, Mother of Dolours, I recall to thy mind now that sword of sorrow which pierced thy heart when thou didst receive into thy bosom thy Son, taken down from the cross, and didst bedew His sacred body with thy tears. Oh, what didst thou feel as thou didst gaze upon that head pierced all around with thorns, that side riven with the lance, those hands and feet dug through with the cruel nails, that beauteous face marred with blows and defiled with spittings, and all that sacred body torn with wounds, livid with stripes, and besmeared with blood. O most sorrowful Mother, how didst thou kiss that divine face and wash it with thy tears, and bewail the dishonour of thy Beloved. O Mother most forlorn, I pray thee, by all the sighs and groans wrung from thy heart, by all the sorrows and the wounds of thy soul, comfort mine in the hour when it goes forth from the body, wash it with thy tears, and receive it into thy maternal arms as thou didst receive the lifeless body of thy Son, and lead it up to the joys of heaven. Amen.

A Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

O Holy Mother, most afflicted by the bitter sorrow which thou didst endure at the foot of the cross during the Three Hours' agony of Jesus: vouchsafe to assist all of us, the children of thy sorrows, in our last agony, that through thine intercession we may pass from the bed of death to form a crown for thee in heaven.

Recite 3 Our Father's *and* 3 Hail Mary's.

O Mary, Mother of grace, Mother of mercy, protect us from the enemy and receive us at the hour of death.

V. From sudden or unprovided death.
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From the snares of the devil.
R. O Lord, deliver us.
V. From everlasting death.
R. O Lord, deliver us.

LET US PRAY: O God, who for the salvation of mankind didst give an example and a help in the Passion and death of Thy Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that in the hour of our death we may experience the effects of this Thy charity and deserve to be partakers in the glory of Him our Redeemer. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **R.** Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with thee!

Miraculous Medal Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, who hast vouchsafed to glorify by numberless miracles the Blessed Virgin Mary, immaculate from the first moment of her conception, grant that all who devoutly implore her protection on earth may eternally enjoy Thy presence in heaven, who, with the Father and Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who for the accomplishment of Thy greatest works hast chosen the weak things of the world, that no flesh may glory in Thy sight, and who for a better and more widely diffused belief in the Immaculate Conception of Thy Mother hast wished that the Miraculous Medal be manifested to Saint Catherine Labouré, grant, I beseech Thee, that filled with like humility, I may glorify this mystery by word and work. Amen.

Novena Prayer

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in thine all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we thy loving and trustful children implore thee to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena if they be beneficial to our immortal souls and the souls for whom we pray (*here make your petition*). Thou knowest, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of thy Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word, and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where thou art the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

An Act of Consecration to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

O Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate, we dedicate and consecrate ourselves to thee under the title of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. May this Medal be for each one of us a sure sign of thy affection for us and a constant reminder of our duties toward thee. Ever while wearing it, may we be blessed by thy loving protection and preserved in the grace of thy Son. O most powerful Virgin, Mother of our Savior, keep us close to thee every moment of our lives. Obtain for us, thy children, the grace of a happy death so that in union with thee we may enjoy the bliss of heaven forever. Amen.

Recite three times:

V. O Mary, conceived without sin,
R. Pray for us who have recourse to thee.

True Devotion to Mary: Directions and Prayers

For the readings for this devotion, see True Devotion to Mary, *by St. Louis Marie De Montfort.*

First Period

Twelve Preliminary Days; Renouncement of the World

"The first part of the preparation should be employed in casting off the spirit of the world, which is contrary to that of Jesus Christ." The spirit of the world consists essentially in the denial of the supreme dominion of God, a denial which is manifested in practice by sin and disobedience; thus it is principally opposed to the spirit of Christ, which is also that of Mary. It manifests itself by the concupiscence of the flesh, by the concupiscence of the eyes, and by the pride of life; by disobedience to God's laws and the abuse of created things. Its works are, first, sin in all its forms; and then all else by which the devil leads to sin; works which bring error and darkness to the mind, and seduction and corruption to the will. Its pomps are the splendor and the charms employed by the devil to render sin alluring in persons, places, and things.

Prayers to be said every day: Veni Creator *and* Ave Maris Stella.

Second Period

First week: Knowledge of Self

"During the first week they should employ all their prayers and pious actions in asking for a knowledge of themselves and for contrition of

their sins; and they should do this in a spirit of humility." During this week, we shall consider not so much the opposition that exists between the spirit of Jesus and ours, as the miserable and humiliating state to which our sins have reduced us. Moreover, the True Devotion being an easy, short, sure, and perfect way to arrive at that union with Our Lord which is Christian perfection, we shall enter seriously upon this way, strongly convinced of our misery and helplessness. But how attain this without knowledge of ourselves?

Prayers to be said every day: Litany of the Holy Spirit; Ave Maris Stella; *and* Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

Second Week: Knowledge of the Blessed Virgin

"They shall devote the second week to the knowledge of the Blessed Virgin." We must unite ourselves to Jesus through Mary—this is the characteristic of our devotion; therefore, Saint Louis De Montfort asks that the second week be employed in acquiring a knowledge of the Blessed Virgin. Mary is our Sovereign and our Mediatrix, our Mother and our Mistress. Let us then endeavor to know the effects of this royalty, of this mediation, and of this maternity, as well as the grandeurs and prerogatives which are the foundation or consequences thereof. Our Mother is also a perfect mold wherein we are to be molded in order to make her intentions and dispositions ours. This we cannot achieve without studying the interior life of Mary; namely, her virtues, her sentiments, her actions, her participation in the mysteries of Christ, and her union with Him.

Prayers to be said every day: Litany of the Holy Spirit; Ave Maris Stella; Litany of the Blessed Virgin; St. Louis De Montfort's Prayer to Mary; *and* Recitation of the Rosary.

Third Week: Knowledge of Jesus Christ

"During the third week, they shall apply themselves to the study of Jesus Christ." What is to be studied in Christ? First, the Man-God, His grace and glory; then His rights to sovereign dominion over us, since after having renounced Satan and the world we have taken Jesus Christ for Our Lord. What next shall be the object of our study? His exterior actions and also His interior life; namely, the virtues and acts of His Sacred Heart; His association with Mary in the mysteries of the Annunciation and Incarnation, during His infancy and hidden life, at the feast of Cana, and on Calvary.

Prayers to be said every day: Litany of the Holy Spirit; Ave Maris Stella; Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus *or* Litany of the Sacred Heart; St Louis De Montfort's Prayer to Jesus; *and* O Jesus, Living in Mary.

The Consecration

"At the end of three weeks," says St. Louis De Montfort, "they shall go to confession and to Communion with the intention of giving themselves to Jesus Christ in the quality of slaves of love, by the hands of Mary. After Communion, which they should try to make according to the method given further on, they should recite the formula of their consecration, *The Act of Consecration*, which they will also find further on. They ought to write it or have it written, unless they have a printed copy of it; and they should sign it the same day they have made it. It would be well also that on that day they should pay some tribute to Jesus Christ and our Blessed Lady, either as a penance for their past unfaithfulness to the vows of their Baptism or as a testimony of their dependence on the dominion of Jesus and Mary. This tribute ought to be according to the devotion and ability of everyone, such as a fast, a mortification, an alms, or a candle. If they had but a pin to give in homage, yet gave it with a good heart, it would be enough for Jesus, who looks only at one's good will. Once a year at least, on the same day, they should renew the same consecration, observing the same practices during the three weeks. They might also once a month, or even once a day, renew all they have done, in these few words: 'I am all Thine and all that I have belongs to Thee, O my sweet Jesus, through Mary, Thy holy Mother.'"

Veni Creator

Veni Creator, p. 102.

Ave Maris Stella

Hail, bright star of ocean,
God's own Mother blest,
Ever sinless Virgin,
Gate of heavenly rest.

Taking that sweet Ave
Which from Gabriel came,
Peace confirm within us,
Changing Eva's name.

Break the captives' fetters,
Light on blindness pour,
All our ills expelling,
Every bliss implore.

Show thyself a Mother;
May the Word Divine,
Born for us thy Infant,
Hear our prayers through thine.

Virgin all excelling,
Mildest of the mild,
Freed from guilt, preserve us,
Pure and undefiled.

Keep our life all spotless,
Make our way secure,
Till we find in Jesus
Joy forevermore.

Through the highest heaven
To the Almighty Three,
Father, Son, and Spirit,
One same glory be. Amen.

St. Louis De Montfort's Prayer to Mary

Hail Mary, beloved Daughter of the Eternal Father! Hail Mary, admirable Mother of the Son! Hail Mary, faithful Spouse of the Holy Spirit! Hail Mary, my dear Mother, my loving Mistress, my powerful Sovereign! Hail my joy, my glory, my heart, and my soul! Thou art all mine by mercy, and I am all thine by justice. But I am not yet sufficiently thine. I now give myself wholly to thee without keeping anything back for myself or others. If thou still seest anything in me which does not belong to thee, I beseech thee to take it and to make thyself the absolute Mistress of all that is mine. Destroy in me all that may be displeasing to God, root it up and bring it to nought; place and cultivate in me everything that is pleasing to thee. May the light of thy faith dispel the darkness of my mind; may thy profound humility take the place of my pride; may thy sublime contemplation check the distractions of my wandering imagination; may thy continuous sight of God fill my memory with His presence; may the burning love of thy heart inflame the lukewarmness of mine; may thy virtues take the place of my sins; may thy merits be my only adornment in the sight of God and make up for all that is wanting in me. Finally, dearly beloved Mother, grant, if it be possible, that I may have no other spirit but thine to know Jesus and His divine will; that I may have no other soul but thine to praise and glorify the Lord; that I may have no other heart but thine to love God with a love as pure and ardent as thine. I do not ask thee for visions, revelations, sensible devotion, or spiritual pleasures. It is thy privilege to see God clearly; it is thy privilege to enjoy heavenly bliss; it is thy privilege to triumph gloriously in heaven at the right hand of thy Son and to hold absolute sway over angels, men, and demons; it is thy privilege to dispose of all the gifts of God, just as thou willest. Such is, O heavenly Mary, the "best part," which the Lord has given thee and which shall never be taken away from thee—and this thought fills my heart with joy. As for my part here below, I wish for no other than that which was thine: to believe sincerely without spiritual pleasures, to suffer joyfully without human consolation, to die continually to myself without respite, and to work zealously and unselfishly for thee until death as the humblest of thy servants. The only grace I beg thee to obtain for me is that every day and every moment of my life I may say: Amen—so be it, to all that thou didst do while on earth; Amen—so be it, to all that thou art now doing in heaven; Amen—so be it, to all that thou art doing in my soul, so that thou alone mayest fully glorify Jesus in me for time and eternity. Amen.

St. Louis De Montfort's Prayer to Jesus

O most loving Jesus, deign to let me pour forth my gratitude before Thee, for the grace that Thou hast bestowed upon me in giving me to Thy holy Mother through the devotion of Holy Bondage, that she may be my advocate in the presence of Thy majesty and my support in my extreme misery. Alas, O Lord! I am so wretched that without this dear Mother I should be certainly lost. Yes, Mary is necessary for me at Thy side and everywhere: that she may appease Thy just wrath, because I have so often offended Thee; that she may save me from the eternal punishment of Thy justice, which I deserve; that she may contemplate Thee, speak to Thee, pray to Thee, approach Thee, and please Thee; that she may help me to save my soul and the souls of others; in short, Mary is necessary for me that I may always do Thy holy will and seek Thy greater glory in all things. Ah, would that I could proclaim throughout the whole world the mercy that Thou hast shown to me! Would that everyone might know that I should be already damned were it not for Mary! Would that I might offer worthy thanksgiving for so great a blessing! Mary is in me. Oh, what a treasure! Oh, what a consolation! And shall I not be entirely hers? Oh, what ingratitude! My dear Saviour, send me death rather than such a calamity, for I would rather die than live without belonging entirely to Mary. With St. John the Evangelist at the foot of the cross, I have taken her a thousand times for my own and as many times have given myself to her; but if I have not yet done it as Thou, dear Jesus, dost wish, I now renew this offering as Thou dost desire me to renew it. And if Thou seest in my soul or my body anything that does not belong to this august princess, I pray Thee to take it and cast it far from me, for whatever in me does not belong to Mary is unworthy of Thee. O Holy Spirit, grant me all these graces. Plant in my soul the Tree of true Life, which is Mary; cultivate it and tend it so that it may grow and blossom and bring forth the fruit of life in abundance. O Holy

Spirit, give me great devotion to Mary, Thy faithful spouse; give me great confidence in her maternal heart and an abiding refuge in her mercy, so that by her Thou mayest truly form in me Jesus Christ, great and mighty, unto the fullness of His perfect age. Amen.

O Jesus Living in Mary

O Jesus living in Mary,
Come and live in Thy servants,
In the spirit of Thy holiness,
In the fullness of Thy might,
In the truth of Thy virtues,
In the perfection of Thy ways,
In the communion of Thy mysteries,
Subdue every hostile power,
In Thy spirit, for the glory of the Father. Amen.

The Act of Consecration

Consecration to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, through the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Eternal and Incarnate Wisdom! O sweetest and most adorable Jesus! True God and true man, only Son of the Eternal Father, and of Mary, always virgin! I adore Thee profoundly in the bosom and splendors of Thy Father during eternity; and I adore Thee also in the virginal bosom of Mary, Thy most worthy Mother, in the time of Thine Incarnation.

I give Thee thanks for that Thou hast annihilated Thyself, taking the form of a slave in order to rescue me from the cruel slavery of the devil. I praise and glorify Thee for that Thou hast been pleased to submit Thyself to Mary, Thy holy Mother, in all things in order to make me Thy faithful slave through her. But, alas! Ungrateful and faithless as I have been, I have not kept the promises which I made so solemnly to Thee in my Baptism; I have not fulfilled my obligations; I do not deserve to be called Thy child, nor yet Thy slave; and as there is nothing in me which does not merit Thine anger and Thy repulse, I dare not come by myself before Thy most holy and august majesty. It is on this account that I have recourse to the intercession of Thy most holy Mother, whom Thou hast given me for a mediatrix with Thee. It is through her that I hope to obtain of Thee contrition, the pardon of my sins, and the acquisition and preservation of wisdom.

Hail, then, O Immaculate Mary, living tabernacle of the Divinity, where the Eternal Wisdom willed to be hidden and to be adored by angels and by men! Hail, O Queen of Heaven and earth, to whose empire everything is subject which is under God. Hail, O sure refuge of sinners, whose mercy fails no one. Hear the desires which I have of the Divine Wisdom; and for that end receive the vows and offerings which in my lowliness I present to thee.

*I, **N.**, a faithless sinner, renew and ratify today in thy hands the vows of my Baptism; I renounce forever Satan, his pomps and works; and I give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life and to be more faithful to Him than I have ever been before. In the presence of all the heavenly court, I choose thee this day for my Mother and Mistress. I deliver and consecrate to thee, as thy slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of all my good actions, past, present, and future; leaving to thee the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity.*

Receive, O benignant Virgin, this little offering of my slavery in honor of and in union with that subjection which the Eternal Wisdom deigned to have to thy maternity, in homage to the power which both of you have over this poor sinner, and in thanksgiving for the privileges with which the Holy Trinity has favored thee. I declare that I wish henceforth, as thy true slave, to seek thy honor and to obey thee in all things. O admirable Mother, present me to thy dear Son as His eternal slave so that as He has redeemed me by thee, by thee He may receive me! O Mother of mercy, grant me the grace to obtain the true Wisdom of God; and for that end receive me among those whom thou lovest and teachest, whom thou leadest, nourishest, and protectest as thy children and thy slaves. O faithful Virgin, make me in all things so perfect a disciple, imitator, and slave of the Incarnate Wisdom, Jesus Christ thy Son, that I may attain, by thine intercession and by thine example, to the fullness of His age on earth and of His glory in heaven. Amen.

Prayers to St. Joseph

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O glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore *(here make your petition)*. O Guardian of the Word Incarnate, we feel animated with confidence that thy prayers in our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

Recite seven times:

V. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear to Jesus and for the glory of His name.
R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Prayer

O glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, father, and model through life that I may merit to die as thou didst in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Help us, St. Joseph, in our earthly strife ever to lead a pure and blameless life. Amen.

Work Prayer to St. Joseph

(By Pope Pius X)

O glorious St. Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God; to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O patriarch St. Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity. Amen. *(Indulgence of 500 days)*

Leo XIII's Prayer to St. Joseph for the Month of October

(To be recited daily after the Rosary)

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation; and having implored the help of thy most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. Through that charity which bound thee to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which thou embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg thee to graciously regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by His blood, and with thy power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the powers of darkness; and, as once thou rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by thy constant protection, so that, supported by thine example and aid, we may be able to live piously, to die holy, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O amiable and powerful protector, St. Joseph, that according to the testimony of thy devoted servant, St. Teresa, no one ever implored thy intercession with devotion and confidence without obtaining relief. Animated by this sweet and consoling hope, I come to thee, O worthy spouse of the Virgin of virgins, and prostrate at thy feet I seek refuge and protection.

O thou, who hast borne the glorious title of father of Jesus, reject not my humble prayer, but hear it favorably and present it for me to Him, who disdained not to be called thy son and who will not refuse thy petition. Amen.

Most pure heart of St. Joseph; chaste spouse of the Mother of God; foster father of her adorable Son; guardian, confidant, and imitator of both; in virtue of these illustrious prerogatives and of the power granted thee on earth and in heaven, I beseech thee obtain for me a heart resembling thine in its silence, meekness, humility, charity, obedience, and chastity. O heart of St. Joseph, deign to watch over me, to assist me every day of my life, and to obtain for me the great grace to die like unto thee in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O blessed Saint Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honor and give myself to thee that thou mayest always be my father, my protector, and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent

love of the interior life. After thy example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And do thou, O blessed Saint Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen.

The Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief before thou didst understand that the mystery of the Incarnation was wrought in Mary, and by thy joy when that mystery was revealed to thee: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief at witnessing the cold and poverty of Jesus in the manger of Bethlehem, and by thy joy on hearing the hymns of the angels and beholding the adoration of the kings: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief when thou didst behold the precious blood of Jesus flow in His circumcision, and by thy joy on hearing the sweet name of Jesus: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief when Simeon foretold that a sword should pierce the soul of Mary, and by thy joy on hearing that the Divine Infant would be for the salvation of many: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief when thou didst flee with Jesus into Egypt, and by thy joy on beholding the idols fall: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief on hearing of the cruelty of Archelaus, and by thy joy when the angel bade thee return to Galilee: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Most glorious St. Joseph, by thy grief at the loss of Jesus, and by thy joy at finding Him again, sitting in the midst of the doctors in the Temple: obtain the favors I implore.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Other prayers to St. Joseph

Litany of St. Joseph, p. 49.

Prayers to the Angels

To St. Michael

Prayer to St. Michael, Archangel

Holy Archangel Michael, defend us in battle, that we may not perish in the tremendous day of judgment. *(Ind. of 100 days, once a day; Leo XIII. Aug. 19, 1893)*

St. Gertrude's Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Hail, most glorious prince, Michael the Archangel! Hail, most noble leader of the heavenly host! Hail, honour and glory of the hierarchies of heaven! O most august prince, under what obligation art thou to thy Creator Who hath endowed thee with such excellent might and adorned thee with such peerless virtues? O thou renowned warrior, thou ornament of paradise, thou lustrous gem of the court of heaven, thou are the seal of likeness to God, full of wisdom and consummate in beauty. Every precious stone is thine adornment, and all the working of thy finished comeliness is of gold, in the delights of the paradise of our God. Thou has been appointed prince and captain to receive the souls of the elect, and to lead them into the paradise of rejoicing. I recall to thy mind now, O most blessed prince, these and all other graces wherewith the boundless liberality of God hath enriched thee above all orders of angels; beseeching thee, by that mutual love which binds thy heart to the Divine Heart of Jesus, that thou would deign to receive my soul at the moment of my departure, and to render the Judge propitious to me through thy intercession. Amen.

Other prayers to St. Michael

Exorcism Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel, p. 57.

To St. Gabriel

A Prayer to St. Gabriel the Archangel

Mighty Archangel Gabriel, thou wast chosen by God to announce the glad tidings of the Incarnation of the Divine Word. I praise God for having sent thee with His joyful message to mankind. Pray for me that I may proclaim thy message to others and be ready to suffer for the love of it. Amen.

Other prayers to St. Gabriel

Litany of St. Gabriel, p. 54.

To St. Raphael

Prayer to St. Raphael for Busy People

Angel St. Raphael, fill my life with happy meetings. Let each one fulfill the loving decrees of God's holy will. St. Raphael, humanity's protector, be thou my guide, my friend, and director. Amen.

Prayer to St. Raphael for Help

O glorious Archangel, Saint Raphael, great prince of the heavenly court, illustrious by thy gifts of wisdom and grace, guide of travelers by land and sea, consoler of the unfortunate and refuge of sinners, I entreat thee, help me in all my needs and in all trials of this life, as thou didst once assist the young Tobias in his journeys. And since thou art the "physician" of God, I humbly pray thee to heal my soul of its many infirmities and my body of the ills that afflict it, if this favor be for my greater good. I ask especially for angelic purity, that I may be fit to be the living temple of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer to St. Raphael for Health

O Raphael of the glorious seven who stand before the throne of Him who lives and reigns, Angel of Health, the Lord hath filled thy hand with balm from heaven to soothe and cure our pains, heal our physical ills and console us in our pain. Amen.

"Angel of Happy Meetings" Prayer

Dear Saint Raphael, Angel of Happy Meetings, lead us by the hand toward those who are waiting for us. May all our movements, all their movements, be guided by thy light and transfigured by thy joy.

Angel guide of Tobias, lay the request we now address to thee at the feet of Him on whose unveiled face thou art privileged to gaze *(here make your petition)*.

Lonely and weary, deeply grieved by the separations and sorrows of earth, we feel the need of calling out to thee and of pleading for the protection of thy wings so that we may not be as strangers in the province of joy.

Remember the weak, thou who art strong and whose home lies beyond the region of thunder in a land that is always peaceful, always serene and bright with the resplendent glory of God. Amen.

Prayer to St. Raphael the Archangel

Vouchsafe, O Lord God, to send unto our assistance St. Raphael the Archangel; and may he, who stands evermore before the throne of Thy majesty, offer unto Thee our humble petitions to be blessed by Thee. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Other prayers to St. Raphael

Novena Prayer to St. Raphael, p. 96.

Litany of Saint Raphael, p. 54.

To the Angels

Invocation of the Nine Choirs of Angels

O holy Angels, watch over us at all times during this perilous life; O holy Archangels, be our guides on the way to heaven; O heavenly choir of the Principalities, govern us in soul and body; O mighty Powers, preserve us against the wiles of the demons; O celestial Virtues, give us strength and courage in the battle of life; O powerful Dominations, obtain for us dominion over the rebellion of our flesh; O sacred Thrones, grant us peace with God and man; O brilliant Cherubim, illumine our minds with heavenly knowledge; O burning Seraphim, enkindle in our hearts the fire of charity. Amen.

The Angelic Chaplet

(Also known as the Chaplet of St. Michael)

V. O God come to my assistance.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be…

First Salutation – in honor of the first choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Seraphim, may the Lord make us worthy to burn with the fire of perfect charity. Amen.

Second Salutation – in honor of the second choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Cherubim, may the Lord vouchsafe to grant us grace to leave the ways of wickedness to run in the paths of Christian perfection. Amen.

Third Salutation – in honor of the third choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Thrones, may the Lord infuse into our hearts a true and sincere spirit of humility. Amen.

Fourth Salutation – in honor of the fourth choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Dominations, may the Lord give us grace to govern our senses and subdue our unruly passions. Amen.

Fifth Salutation – in honor of the fifth choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Powers, may the Lord vouchsafe to protect our souls against the snares and temptations of the devil. Amen.

Sixth Salutation – in honor of the sixth choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Virtues, may the Lord preserve us from evil and suffer us not to fall into temptation. Amen.

Seventh Salutation – in honor of the seventh choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Principalities, may God fill our souls with a true spirit of obedience. Amen.

Eighth Salutation – in honor of the eighth choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Archangels, may the Lord give us perseverance in faith and in all good works in order that we gain the glory of paradise. Amen.

Ninth Salutation – in honor of the ninth choir of angels:

1 Our Father; 3 Hail Mary's.

By the intercession of St. Michael and the celestial choir of Angels, may the Lord grant us to be protected by them in this mortal life and conducted by them hereafter to eternal glory. Amen.

In Conclusion:

Say an Our Father *on each of the four large beads nearest the medal:*

The first Our Father in honor and veneration of St. Michael the Archangel:

Our Father...

The second Our Father in honor and veneration of St. Gabriel the Archangel:

Our Father...

The third Our Father in honor and veneration of St. Raphael the Archangel:

Our Father...

The fourth Our Father in honor and veneration of our Guardian Angel: *First recite* The Guardian Angel Prayer, p. 70, *and then:*

Our Father...

O glorious Prince St. Michael, chief and commander of the heavenly hosts, guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits, servant in the house of the divine King, and our admirable conductor, thou who dost shine with excellence and superhuman virtue, vouchsafe to deliver us from evil, who turn to thee with confidence, and enable us by thy gracious protection to serve God more and more faithfully every day.

V. Pray for us, O glorious St. Michael, Prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: Almighty and Everlasting God, who by a prodigy of goodness and merciful desire for the salvation of all men hast appointed the most glorious Archangel, St. Michael, Prince of Thy Church, make us worthy, we beseech Thee, to be delivered by his powerful protection from all our enemies, that none of them may harass us at the hour of death, but that we may be conducted by him into the august presence of Thy divine majesty. This we beg through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

End by reciting the Exorcism Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel, p. 57.

The Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and guide. Amen.

Prayers to Saints

To St. Anne

Memorare to Saint Anne

Remember, O holy mother St. Anne, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, and sought thy intercession was left unaided, for thou art a most merciful mother and aid all who art in distress. Inspired with this confidence, I take refuge with thee and beseech thee, by the great prerogative of being the mother of the Queen of heaven and grandmother of the Saviour of the world, come to my aid with thy powerful intercession and obtain from thine immaculate daughter this favor (*here make your petition*). In honor of the nine months during which thou didst bear the ever-blessed Virgin in thy womb and brought her forth without stain of original sin, I now pray the Hail Mary, nine times; and I offer thee these prayers through my Guardian Angel. Amen.

Hail Mary…*(nine times)*

To St. Jude

Prayer to St. Jude in Trials

MOST holy Apostle St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the name of the traitor who delivered the beloved Master into the hands of His enemies has caused thee to be forgotten by many; but the Church honors and invokes thee universally as the patron of hopeless cases, of things despaired of. Pray for me, who am so miserable; make use, I implore thee, of that particular privilege accorded to thee to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need, that I may receive the consolations and succor of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly (*here make your petition*), and that I may

bless God with all the elect forever. I promise thee, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor; and I will never cease to honor thee as my special and powerful patron and to do all in my power to encourage devotion to thee. Amen.

May the most just, most high, and most adorable will of God be in all things done, praised, and magnified, forever and ever. Amen.

To St. Francis of Assisi

Prayer to St. Francis of Assisi

In the name of the heavenly Father we greet and venerate thee, St. Francis, as our father. By founding thy holy orders, thou didst become the father of so many children who, following thy example, embraced thy life of poverty and penance. Be thou always our kind father; and bestow upon us thy blessing, that we may ever be thy good and loving children and resemble thee in life and in death. In the name of the divine Son we greet and venerate thee, St. Francis, as the perfect image of Jesus Christ. Thou hadst wonderful devotion to the infant Jesus and to the suffering of our Savior. Obtain for us the graces necessary to be true children of God and faithful disciples of Jesus by purity of soul, simplicity of mind, and humility of heart, which made thee so like Christ, the Son of God. In the name of the Holy Spirit, we greet and venerate thee, St. Francis, as the seraph of divine love in whom the Holy Spirit formed a wonderful model of holiness and perfection. Help us with thy powerful intercession that we, too, may constantly grow in the love of God for the greater sanctification of our souls and the eternal salvation of many poor sinners. May we live and die like thee in the love of Jesus. Amen.

To St. Philomena

Prayer to St. Philomena

O St. Philomena, virgin and martyr, pray for us, that through thy powerful intercession we may obtain that purity of mind and heart which leads to the perfect love of God. Amen.

Prayer for Those Who Wear the Cord of St. Philomena

O most pure virgin, glorious martyr, St. Philomena, whom God in His eternal power seems to have revealed to the world in these disastrous days of ours in order to revive the faith, sustain the hope, and inflame the charity of Christian hearts, I kneel at thy feet. Deign, O kindest virgin, to receive my humble prayers and to obtain for me that purity for love of which thou didst sacrifice all the most attractive pleasures of the earth; obtain for me that strength of soul which made thee resist the most terrible attacks of tribulation and suffering, that ardent love for Jesus which the most fearful sufferings could not extinguish in thy heart. And protect me in all the events of my life, from all dangers, spiritual and temporal. Be present with me also in my last hour, which I commend to thy loving charity with confidence, since in life I love thee and wear thy holy cord as a mark of my special devotion towards thee, the beloved of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Chaplet of St. Philomena

Recite the Apostles' Creed *on the crucifix. On each of the white beads recite an* Our Father *in honor of the Most Blessed Trinity. Then on each of the thirteen red beads recite:*

V. Hail, O holy St. Philomena, whom I acknowledge after Mary as my advocate with the Divine Spouse, intercede for me now and at the hour of my death.

R. St. Philomena, beloved daughter of Jesus and Mary, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

Then on the medal:

Hail, O illustrious St. Philomena, who so courageously shed thy blood for Christ, I bless the Lord for all the graces He has bestowed upon thee in life and especially at thy death; I praise and glorify Him for the honor and power with which He has crowned thee, and I

beg thee to obtain for me from God the graces I ask through thy intercession. Amen.

Prayers for the Poor Souls

Petition Prayer for the Poor Souls

O Jesus, Thou didst suffer and die that all mankind might be saved and brought to eternal happiness. Hear our pleas for further mercy on the faithful departed souls of:

My spiritual and temporal benefactors,
All for whom love or duty bids me pray,
Those who have offended me,
Those who have suffered disadvantage or harm through me,
Those who are especially beloved by Thee,
Those whose release is near at hand,
Those who desire most to be united to Thee,
Those who endure the greatest sufferings,
Those whose release is most remote,
Those who are least remembered,
Those who are most deserving on account of their services to the Church,
The rich, who now are the most destitute,
The mighty, who now are powerless,
The once spiritually blind, who now see their folly,
The frivolous, who spent their time in idleness,
The poor, who did not seek the treasures of heaven,
The tepid, who devoted little time to prayer,
The indolent, who neglected to perform good works,
Those of little faith, who neglected the frequent reception of the sacraments,
The habitual sinners, who owe their salvation to a miracle of grace,
Parents who failed to watch over their children,
Superiors who were not solicitous for the salvation of those entrusted to them,
Those who strove for worldly riches and pleasures,
The worldly-minded, who failed to use their wealth and talents in the service of God,
Those who witnessed the death of others, but would not think of their own,
Those who did not provide for the life hereafter,
Those whose sentence is severe because of the great things entrusted to them,
The popes, kings, and rulers,
The bishops and their counselors,
My teachers and spiritual advisers,
The deceased priests of this diocese,
The priests and religious of the Catholic Church,
The defenders of the holy faith,
Those who died on the battlefield,
Those who fought for their country,
Those who were buried in the sea,
Those who died of apoplexy,
Those who died of heart attacks,
Those who suffered and died of cancer,
Those who died suddenly in accidents,
Those who died without the last rites of the Church,
Those who shall die within the next twenty-four hours,
My own poor soul when I shall have to appear before Thy judgment seat.

Prayer

Eternal rest grant unto all these, O Lord, and let the perpetual light of Thy countenance shine upon them soon. Amen.

Offering of the Passion of Christ for the Faithful Departed

(Written by St. Gertrude)

Look down, O Father of compassion, from Thy high and holy seat, upon the hapless souls detained in purgatory. Look upon all the pains and torments wherewith they are so piteously chastised; regard now the plaintive groans and tears which they pour forth unto Thee; hear the prayers and the supplications wherewith they entreat Thy mercy, and be merciful unto their sins. Remember, O most compassionate Father, all the sufferings which Thy Son hath endured for them; remember His precious blood, shed in such abundance for them; call to mind the most bitter death which He suffered for them, and have mercy on them. For all the sins they have ever committed against Thee, I offer Thee the most holy life and conversation of Thy most beloved Son; for all their negligences, I offer Thee His most fervent desires towards Thee; for all their omissions, I offer Thee the great abundance of His merits; for their every insult and wrong to Thee, I offer Thee the sweet submission with which He honoured Thee. Finally, for all

the chastisements which they have ever incurred, I offer Thee all the mortifications, fasting, watchings, the labours and afflictions, wounds and stripes, Passion and death, which He endured in such spotless innocence and with such loving eagerness; beseeching Thee now to suffer Thy anger to be appeased towards them, and to lead them forth into everlasting joy. Amen.

Four Prayers for the Faithful Departed

(Written by St. Gertrude, with the approval of our Lord)

When St. Gertrude was about to say these prayers together with the psalter, she asked our Lord whether they were acceptable to Him, and received this answer: They are so acceptable to Me that whenever a soul is liberated from purgatory, it is to Me as though My own soul were delivered out of captivity; and I will surely reward them in due time, in the omnipotence of My boundless compassion. Wherefore, although you cannot recite the whole psalter, say at least these four most effectual prayers, and after each of them say either the De Profundis *or the following prayer:*

Hail, Jesus Christ, Splendour of the Father; hail, Prince of peace, Gate of heaven, living Bread, Offspring of the Virgin, Vessel of the Godhead.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

First Prayer

I adore, salute, and bless thee, O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, and I praise Thee and give Thee thanks with the love of all Thy creatures for the vast love wherewith Thou didst condescend to be made man for us, to be born, to endure hunger and thirst, toils and sorrows, for thirty-three years, and to bestow on us Thyself in the most holy Sacrament, beseeching Thee that Thou would vouchsafe to unite and blend with the merits of Thy holy conversation and life this my prayer, which I make to Thee for the soul of **N.**, faithful departed, and to supply from the great abundance of those merits, and perfectly to complete whatsoever he has neglected in thy worship and love, in thanksgiving and in prayer, in virtue and good works, and all the service due to Thee, in all that by Thy grace he might have done and has not done, or did from impure motives, or carelessly and imperfectly. Amen.

Second Prayer

I adore, salute, and bless Thee, O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, and I give Thee thanks for that love wherewith Thou, the Creator of all things, didst condescend for our redemption to be seized and bound and dragged away to judgment, to be trampled upon, buffeted and spit upon, to be scourged and crowned with thorns, to be condemned to bear Thine own cross, to be stripped and nailed to the cross, to die a most bitter death, and to be pierced through with the lance. And in union with that love, I offer Thee these my unworthy prayers, beseeching Thee to blot out and efface utterly through the merits of Thy most holy Passion and death whatsoever this soul for which I pray has ever done against Thy will, by evil thoughts or words or deeds; and that Thou would vouchsafe to offer to God the Father all the sorrow and the anguish of Thy torn body and of Thy desolate soul, all Thy merits and all Thine actions, for all that chastisement which he has incurred at the hands of Thy justice. Amen.

Third Prayer

I adore, salute, and bless Thee, O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, and I give Thee thanks for all the love and the faithfulness with which Thou didst overcome death and rise from the dead and glorify our flesh by ascending in it to the right hand of the Father, beseeching Thee that Thou would now vouchsafe to render the soul for which I pray partaker of Thy triumph and of Thy glory. Amen.

Fourth Prayer

I adore, salute, and bless Thee, O sweetest Lord Jesus Christ, and I render Thee thanks for all the graces Thou hast ever bestowed on Thy glorious Mother and on all Thine elect, in union with the gratitude with which all Thy saints exult in the bliss Thou hast obtained for them through Thy holy Incarnation, Passion, and Resurrection, beseeching Thee that Thou would vouchsafe to supply to this soul from the merits and prayers of the same glorious Virgin and all Thy saints, whatever is lacking to his own. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer for the Faithful Departed

On one occasion when St. Mechtilde had received Holy Communion for the faithful departed, our Lord appeared to her, saying: Recite for them one Our Father. And as she prayed, she received by divine inspiration the prayer which follows; when she had recited it, she saw a great multitude of souls ascending into heaven:

Our Father, who art in heaven. I beseech Thee that Thou would forgive all the souls in purgatory,

whereinsoever they have neither loved nor worthily honoured Thee, their adorable and most beloved Father, who of Thine own mere grace didst adopt them to be Thy children, and they have thrust Thee forth from their hearts in which Thou didst delight to dwell. And in satisfaction for this their sin, I offer Thee that love and honour which Thy beloved Son showed Thee upon earth, and that most abundant satisfaction which He hath made for all their sins. Amen.

Hallowed be Thy name. I beseech Thee, O Thou Father of compassion, forgive the souls of the faithful departed whereinsoever they have not worthily honoured nor daily made mention of Thy Holy Name, but have taken it in vain, and by their scandalous life rendered themselves unworthy of the name of Catholic. And in satisfaction for these their sins, I offer Thee the consummate holiness of Thy Son, whereby He magnified Thy name by His teaching and made it honourable by His work.

Thy kingdom come. I beseech Thee, O Father of compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed whereinsoever they have not fervently longed nor ardently striven after Thee and Thy kingdom, in which alone is true rest and abiding glory. And for this and all their sloth in doing good, I offer Thee the most holy and longing desires of Thy Son, wherewith He desired to make them heirs together with Him of His kingdom. Amen.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. I beseech Thee, O Father of compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed, and especially of those consecrated to Thee in the religious life, whereinsoever they have not preferred Thy will above their own, or have not loved it in all things, but have too often lived and done only according to their own will. And in satisfaction for this their disobedience, I offer Thee the union of the sweetest Heart of Thy Son with Thy will, and all that His most ready and loving obedience wherewith He was obedient unto Thee, even to the death of the cross. Amen.

Give us this day our daily bread. I beseech Thee, O Father of compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed whereinsoever they have not received the most blessed and adorable Sacrament of the Altar with pure and perfect desire, devotion, and love; or have received it unworthily, or seldom, or not at all. And in satisfaction for these their sins, I offer Thee the consummate holiness and devotion of Thy Son, together with that most ardent love and ineffable yearning desire wherewith He bestowed upon us this most inestimable treasure. Amen.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. I beseech Thee, O Father of compassion, vouchsafe to remit the punishment due to those who committed any one of the seven mortal sins, and especially wherein they have not forgiven those who had trespassed against them, or have not loved their enemies. And for all these their sins, I offer Thee that most sweet and tender prayer which Thy Son prayed to Thee for His enemies while hanging on the cross. Amen.

And lead us not into temptation. I beseech Thee, O Father of compassion, vouchsafe to forgive the souls of the faithful departed whereinsoever they have not resisted their concupiscence and the sins to which they were especially prone, but have again and again consented to the devil and the flesh and entangled themselves by their own will in many grievous evils. And for all these their manifold sins, I offer Thee the glorious victory wherewith Thy Son overcame the world and the devil, together with all His most holy life and conversation, His toil and weariness, His most bitter Passion and His death. Amen.

But deliver us and them *from every evil* and every woe, through the merits of Thy beloved Son, and bring us to the kingdom of Thy glory, which is none other than Thy most glorious Self. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O most compassionate Jesus, have mercy on the souls detained in purgatory, for whose redemption Thou didst take upon Thee our nature and endure a bitter death. Mercifully hear their groanings, look with pity on the tears which they now shed before Thee, and by the virtue of Thy Passion release them from the pains due unto their sins. O most pitiful Jesus, let Thy precious blood reach down into purgatory, and refresh and revive the captive souls which suffer there. Stretch forth unto them Thy strong right hand; and bring them forth into the place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.

Prayer to the Faithful Departed

O most afflicted and unrepining souls, may Jesus Christ have mercy upon you, who for you was crucified and died, and may He refresh you in your sufferings by the sprinkling of His precious blood. I commend you to that

exceeding love which drew down the Son of God from heaven and constrained Him to a most bitter death on earth, that in that amazing compassion wherewith He entered into and took upon Himself all the afflictions of the afflicted, He may have compassion on you. And for your full solace and refreshment, I offer you all that filial love which the same Jesus Christ felt towards the Father in His divinity and towards Mary in His humanity. Amen.

Thirty Days Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

DAY 1—Prayers for the Holy Souls

One of the most consoling doctrines of the Catholic Church is that of the Communion of Saints. All Catholic men—the saints in heaven, we upon the earth, the souls in purgatory—are members of one great family. By this "bond of perfection" which unites the Suffering and the Triumphant Church with the Militant Church upon earth, incorporating them into one body, mutual charity becomes an obligation. This reciprocal love, being the duty of all Catholics, renders it imperative that all should pray for one another, for in this general prayer, offered mutually, Christian charity is most beautifully and eloquently expressed.

From this general obligation we derive the special duty to pray for the suffering souls in purgatory, who are unable in their extreme distress to do aught for their own relief. It has always been the belief of the Catholic Church that the faithful, united in the Communion of the Saints, can mutually assist each other. As the saints in heaven pray for us, so must we also offer our petitions for the suffering souls in purgatory, that God in His goodness and mercy may mitigate and shorten their punishment and hasten their entrance into heaven. It is the doctrine of the Church that the faithful upon earth are able to relieve the temporal punishment of the holy souls in purgatory. "In this," says the Roman Catechism, "the supreme goodness and mercy of God deserve our grateful acknowledgment and praise, that He has granted to our frailty the privilege that one may satisfy for another."

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou who hast said, "Where there are two or three gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them," (Matt. 18:20), look mercifully upon Thy Holy Church, who implores Thy clemency in behalf of Her suffering members. End their intense pain and open unto them the portals of the heavenly Jerusalem, that they may praise and bless Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for those who during the course of their earthly lives did most to relieve the souls in purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Attend a Catholic public devotion for the suffering souls (when public devotion is available).

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 2—Commemoration of "All Souls Day"

The commemoration of "All Souls Day" was instituted by the Church as a day of special prayer for all the faithful departed who are as yet deprived of the blissful contemplation of God and the possession of heaven. These holy souls endure most agonizing torments and count the lingering moments of time while waiting release from this prison or at least some relief from their intense pain. They have special confidence in their Catholic friends and relatives upon earth, hoping to be lovingly cherished in their memory and aided by their fervent prayers. With holy Job they cry out: "Have pity on me, have pity on me, at least you my friends, because the hand of the Lord hath touched me." (Job 19:21)

The commemoration of All Souls' Day should serve to revive and confirm our devotion in behalf of the suffering souls in purgatory and induce us to make ample amends for our neglect of this duty during the year. "A gift hath grace in the sight of all the living, and restrain not grace from the dead." (Eccl. 7:37)

Prayer: O God, Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of Thy servants departed, pardon of all their sins, that by pious supplications they may graciously obtain the remission they have desired. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who suffer the greatest torments.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Examine how often and in what manner during the year you have practiced prayer for the souls in purgatory.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 3—The Doctrine of Purgatory

The destiny awaiting us at death is not the same for all men: "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels: and then will He render to every man according to his works." (Matt. 16:27) Heaven, hell, and purgatory are the three places into which the souls of the departed are received. Heaven is the happy destination of perfectly pure and holy souls only; hell, the final doom of the reprobate; purgatory, temporary for the just who are as yet not entirely purified. In purgatory God completes the punishment due to faults which were not sufficiently atoned for on earth; there He submits these holy souls to the last purgation to cleanse them from the least stain and by fire to bring them to that degree of perfected purity, which is necessary for them before being admitted to eternal bliss. Hence there are two classes of souls in purgatory: l) Those who depart this life stained by venial sins and imperfections; 2) Those who have repented sincerely of their mortal sins and confessed them without having done sufficient penance for them.

Prayer: Graciously hear, O God, the fervent prayers we offer Thee for the suffering souls in purgatory, who, not having satisfied Thy divine justice, confide in Thine infinite mercy and our intercessions. Extend onto them Thy consolations and redeem them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who suffer in purgatory for little faults.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Be conscientious and faithful in the performance of little duties, and offer the inconvenience for the suffering souls.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 4—Expiation for Imperfections and Venial Sins

The judgments of God are very different from the judgments of man: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts: nor your ways My ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are exalted above the earth, so are My ways exalted above your ways, and My thoughts above your thoughts." (Isa. 55:8-9) Though the judgments of God are severe, they are ever just: "Unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required." (Luke 12:48) And St. Gregory the Great says, "Where grace has been augmented, there also the account has been increased." From those souls upon whom God has bestowed great and special graces, He demands a more faithful cooperation; and the least infidelity to such grace is punished with extreme severity. The purgation or cleansing of these favored souls must be perfect in proportion to the high degree of glory to which they are to be exalted. In reference to prayer for suffering souls who are in purgatory for venial sins and imperfections, we must observe that, though their time of suffering is comparatively short and their punishment less vigorous, their pain and agony is more intense, owing to their yearning desire of perfect union with God. They are in utmost need of our fervent prayers and will show their gratitude by their petitions for us before the throne of God, according to the speedy assistance we have given them in our earthly lives.

Prayer: Inflame within us, O Lord, the fire of Thy divine love, that all our inordinate desires may be consumed here upon earth, thus rendering our prayers for the suffering souls in purgatory more acceptable to Thee and beneficial to them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who are nearest their deliverance.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Mortify your prevailing weakness or inclination.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 5—The Sufferings of Purgatory

The sufferings of purgatory are twofold: the pain of loss and the torture of the senses, both in proportion to temporal punishment unremitted. Having committed sin, the soul has turned away from God, thus increasing the pain of the loss, or, according to our ideas, God departs from that soul and deprives it of His beatific vision. By sin the soul has been attached to creatures, making improper use of them, which is displeasing to God, hence the severe punishment consisting in the pain of the senses. God permits that those who have abandoned their Creator and bestowed their affections upon creatures are chastised by the same, for we read in the book of Wisdom: "By what things a man sinneth, by the same also he is tormented." (Wis. 11:17)

The suffering of souls in purgatory consists of fire and other torments which differ depending on how much these

souls need to be purified. What St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, (1Cor. 3:15) "But he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire," must be taken in a literal sense.

Prayer: O Lord, by Thine infinite love and clemency, graciously grant to the suffering souls in purgatory remittance of their punishment. Receive them into Thy eternal glory, that blessed by Thy beatific vision they may praise and adore Thee forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who have suffered for the longest time in purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Do not let human respect prevent you from performing a duty.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 6—The Pain of Loss

The spiritual sufferings or the pain of loss is the greatest pain in purgatory, according to the Fathers of the Church. No one can comprehend the great sufferings of a soul departed, which, in all its ardent desire for the highest and only good, sees itself ever repulsed as an object of God's revenging justice. Far greater than the pain of the sense in purgatory is the pain which the holy souls must endure in being deprived of the vision of God. Because these souls are inflamed, not only with a natural but with a supernatural love of God, they are so vehemently attracted to the union with their highest good, that in being repulsed through their own fault, they experience so violent a pain as would kill them instantly if death were possible to them. "Therefore," says St. Chrysostom, "this pain of being deprived of God is a far greater pain to them than the pain of the senses. The fire of hell increased a thousand times would not cause them such great suffering as does this pain of the loss of God."

Prayer: O God, Father of mercies, grant the ardent desire of the souls in purgatory who yearn to behold Thee. Send down to them Thy holy angel with joyful tidings that the moment of their redemption has come, that their exile is ended; and bless them by perfect union with Thee forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who are punished for their forgetfulness of the holy presence of God during their lives.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Try to remember at all times the holy presence of God.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 7—Pain of Sorrow for Sin

The soul departed, before the judgment seat of God, is enlightened with a perfect knowledge of the purity and sanctity of its Divine Judge, clearly perceiving the stains with which it is sullied and its extreme unworthiness of union with God. The thought that "I have offended God, who is everlasting beauty and perfection; I am not yet worthy to appear before the face of the Lord, who is infinitely holy; and I am not worthy to take possession of my dwelling place in heaven" is the greatest sorrow of the suffering soul. Much more clearly than during their earthly lives do these holy souls comprehend the perfections of God and love Him above all things; therefore the thought of having offended Him is a piercing sorrow which surpasses all their other sufferings.

St. Ambrose tells us there is no greater agony than remorse of conscience caused by sin. There are examples on record of men who died from the effects of this vehement sorrow. Yet how much more intense must be the contrition of the suffering souls, who fully understand the great malice of sin! We know by our own experience that the depth of sorrow for having offended a person is equal to the love we bear him. For the holy souls in purgatory, who are inflamed with a perfect love of God, their perfect contrition for sins is their greatest sorrow.

Prayer: O God, Father of grace and mercy, graciously regard the deep sorrow of the suffering souls in purgatory. Deign to accept their love; and grant them remission of their punishment, that united with Thee they may praise Thy goodness forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for those who when they lived did not have a sufficient fear of God and a horror of the sins they committed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Endeavor to make an act of perfect contrition for your sins.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 8—Pain of Helplessness and Desolation

The souls in purgatory have entered into the realm of divine justice. The penance and satisfaction due for their faults must be made either by the pain of purgatory itself or by the suffrages of the faithful, consisting in prayer, good works, and the spiritual treasure of indulgences bestowed upon them, for the suffering souls can no longer merit and are entirely unable to assist themselves. A sick man and a beggar have a tongue to ask for help, and the very sight of their misery will move others to compassion. The suffering souls, however, have no resource but that of patience, resignation, and hope. To all their moans there is but one answer, "The night hath come, in which no man can work."

Hence in their extreme desolation and distress, they incessantly cry out to us for relief and assistance; but since they cannot do this in a manner perceptible to us, Holy Church does it for them by instituting many touching devotions in their behalf. Can we then be cold and heartless toward these souls? "A hard heart will fare evil at the last." Be not then indifferent towards your own interest.

Prayer: Have mercy, O Lord, upon the suffering souls in purgatory; and in their helplessness and desolation, comfort them by the prayers and petitions of the angels and the just in heaven and upon earth. Shorten the time of their suffering, and reward them with joys eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the most forsaken and helpless souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Deny yourself a little comfort or some special consolation, and offer it for the most forsaken souls in purgatory.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 9—Pain of Fire in Purgatory

According to theologians and Doctors of the Church, we are to understand the fire in purgatory as a material fire. Concerning this, Bishop Colmar of Mayence, a great friend of the holy souls, writes: "Besides being deprived of the vision of God, the souls in purgatory must also endure the tortures of fire, the effects of which are much more painful, as it is an instrument in the avenging hand of God; a fire, as St. Augustine says, in comparison to which our material fire is nothing; a fire that entirely penetrates the soul, in whatever manner this may be accomplished."

How and to what extent this is done, we know not, but we may draw our conclusions from similar instances. "In like manner," says St. Gregory the Great, "as the fallen angels, although pure spirits, are tormented by the material fire of hell, so may a similar fire torture the souls of the departed in purgatory." The justice of God can punish a spirit by means of material substance, as He can also in His omnipotence give life to a body by the agency of a spirit. According to the Holy Fathers, the fire of purgatory does not differ from the fire of hell excepting in the point of duration. "It is the same fire that torments the reprobate in hell, and the just in purgatory. The least pain in purgatory surpasses the greatest suffering of this life." Nothing but eternal duration makes the fire of hell more terrible than that of purgatory.

Prayer: Refresh, O Lord, the suffering souls in purgatory with the dew of Thy grace, that their pains may be relieved; and in Thy mercy hasten the moment of their deliverance that they may meet Thee in heaven, where no fire but that of Thy holy love shall consume them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for all the souls in purgatory, particularly for those who are forgotten by their relatives.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Endeavor to spread the devotion for the holy souls in purgatory as much as possible.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 10—The Duration in Purgatory

Purgatory is not a place of eternal pain. Concerning the duration of time to be spent in purgatory, we are not informed of the length of time required for the purification of a soul. The soul, to be reunited to its Creator in heaven, must be in the state of primitive innocence which adorned Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden before they sinned. The likeness of God must be entirely restored within it, commensurate to the degree of glory awaiting it in heaven.

From this it is evident that the suffering souls cannot enter heaven until perfectly cleansed, either by their pains or by the suffrages of the faithful. With the Royal Prophet they cry out in plaintive voice: "As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so my soul panteth after Thee, O God! When shall I come to appear before the face of God?"

(Ps. 41: 2-3) They suffer until entirely purified, until the last farthing of their debt is discharged.

Prayer: O God, the dispenser of pardon and salvation, we implore Thee by the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all Thy saints, grant to the faithful departed souls of our brethren, relatives, benefactors, and all the faithful departed the joys of eternal bliss. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who are most desirous of obtaining help from you.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Mortify your curiosity.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 11—Our Duty to Relieve the Souls in Purgatory

In bestowing charity upon any person, we are usually guided by the degree of his poverty; but who is in such great need as he who possesses absolutely nothing, owes a heavy debt, is unable to labor or gain any merit or even to beg, and must nevertheless suffer the most excruciating torments until the last farthing has been paid? There is a universal law to assist the needy, which extends even to strangers; but here the obligation is the greatest because among these souls in purgatory are those who were intimately connected with us, who suffer, perhaps, for having loved us excessively.

If there be among the sufferers in purgatory our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, relatives, and friends, how exceedingly painful for them to be forgotten and deserted even by those whose happiness they promoted during their sojourn upon earth—to see their possessions left to their children foolishly squandered, while they themselves not receiving the benefit of the least farthing thereof! What proofs of extreme coldness and ingratitude! Were any of these persons afflicted with the least pain upon earth, we would do all in our power to relieve them; but, as it is, we are devoid of all sympathy and leave them in their terrible sufferings and anguish.

Prayer: Have mercy, O Lord, upon the suffering souls in purgatory, and mitigate the severity of Thy judgment so that they, who during their earthly lives believed in Thee, hoped in Thee, and loved Thee, receive the crown of justice in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who are suffering for their negligence in praying for the souls in purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Suffer patiently the disagreeable occurrences in your dealings with others.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 12—Grand Display Is of No Value to the Holy Souls

In regard to pompous displays for the faithful departed, St. Augustine says, "Costly funerals and expensive displays may afford the living some consolation, but are of no benefit to the departed." He adds, however, "Let care be bestowed upon funerals and the erection of monuments; for Holy Writ reckons these among good works. Let all perform these last services for their departed, and thereby relieve their own sorrow; but let them show greater zeal, care, and generosity in succoring the souls of the departed by Masses, prayers, and alms, and thus give evidence not only of a temporal but also a spiritual love for those who are departed in body only, but not in spirit." According to a rule of the Church, flowers should be used at funerals of children only; circumstances may at times justify a deviation from this rule, but in all cases it is unpardonable if the expense connected with this display deprives the soul of the faithful departed any spiritual assistance.

Prayer: We beseech Thee, O Lord, by Thy infinite mercy, do not despise our prayer on behalf of the souls in purgatory, but grant them the peace and consolation we desire for them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who were remembered by a pompous funeral only and have no relief in their pain.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: At the first opportunity, accompany the funeral of a poor person who is of the faithful departed.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 13—The Special Duty to Aid the Faithful Departed

Besides the general duty imposed upon us by the divine law of charity to pray for the souls in purgatory, we are obliged especially to pray for personal

relations who are numbered among the faithful departed. To be faithfully departed, they must have died as Catholics and not as notorious unrepentant mortal sinners.

But what could more forcibly elicit our charity and gratitude than to behold our loved ones and our benefactors in extreme distress while we have the means of alleviating their sufferings! That person does not possess a spark of Christian charity who, from neglect or indolence, suffers the souls of his friends to be tormented in the flames of purgatory.

Prayer: O Lord, revive within the hearts of Thy faithful an active commiseration for the brethren gone before us, that they may not, by our indifference or neglect, suffer without relief and assistance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of parents in purgatory who have been forgotten by their children.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Mortify yourself by an act of obedience.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 14—Our Duty toward Our Deceased Catholic Parents

IMPORTANT NOTE: *The following instruction only applies if your father or mother died as a Catholic and is listed among the faithful departed.*

"Honor thy father, and forget not the groaning of thy mother. Remember that thou hadst not been born but through them, and make a return to them: as they have done for thee." (Eccl. 7:29-30) Next to God, our parents are our greatest benefactors, entitled to the most tender love and gratitude, which is the sacred duty of every child. This duty does not end with this life; it is extended even to eternity. Should our faithful departed parents find no relief in their pains? Must they cry out in bitter anguish: "I have reared sons and daughters but they have forgotten me!" If we compassionate the misery of strangers, if we do not send a beggar heartlessly from our door, oh let us remember how near and dear father and mother are to us and how greatly we are indebted to them. After their death we owe for them prayers, alms, good works, and Masses. They cry out to us for mercy. Would it not be the highest degree of ingratitude were we to forget those who bestowed their best love and care upon us in life? The Commandment of God, "Honor thy father and thy mother," is an obligation also toward our deceased parents.

Prayer: O God, who has commanded us to honor father and mother, look with loving kindness upon the fathers and mothers in purgatory and have mercy on them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of parents in purgatory who have been forgotten by their children.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Mortify yourself by an act of obedience.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 15—We Must Be in the State of Grace When Gaining Indulgences for the Poor Souls

Holy Church teaches us that it is necessary to be in the state of grace to perform works that are meritorious for the poor souls. Hence only Catholics in the state of grace can gain indulgences for the poor souls. "He that abideth in Me," says Christ, "and I in him, the same beareth much fruit, for without Me you can do nothing." (John 15:5) If, then, we are incapable of gaining merit for ourselves, how can we expect to benefit others? St. Francis Xavier says: "Before being intent on delivering souls from purgatory, take heed to deliver your own souls from hell." And here we may add the words of the Lord, spoken by His prophet: "Wash yourselves, be clean, take away the evil of your devices from my eyes, cease to do perversely." (Isaias 1:16)

A person who is in the state of mortal sin can have Masses said for the faithful departed; he himself will acquire no merit thereby, but the suffering souls will derive the full benefit of the Holy Sacrifice. Since we should always strive to be in the friendship and grace of God, if we have any doubt about our condition or are certain that we have lost God's favor, then before trying to gain an indulgence let us confess our sins or at least strive to make an act of perfect contrition until we can get to a Catholic priest for confession.

Prayer: Grant us the grace, O Lord, to avoid sin at all times; and confirm in us Thy charity, that by Thy bounty our supplications for the suffering souls may be acceptable to Thee and beneficial

to them. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who were careful never to lose the grace of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Try to make an act of perfect contrition.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 16—The Efficacy of Prayer for the Suffering Souls

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins." (2 Mach. 12:46) Prayer for the dead is holy because it is pleasing to God; wholesome, because through the merciful goodness of God it accomplishes its sublime and charitable object. Nothing is so pleasing to God as a sacrifice of love and mercy especially when offered for the suffering souls, whom He loves most tenderly because they are holy and sure of heaven.

To relieve the suffering souls, we can do scarcely anything more salutary than gaining indulgences applicable to them, offering to God the perfect satisfaction of Christ and the saints, and performing good works in their behalf that they may be comforted or entirely delivered from the pains of purgatory. A suffering soul may receive an entire or a temporary remission of its penalty, in accordance with the indulgence applied, being either plenary or partial.

Prayer: Open, O Lord, the rich treasures of Holy Church in favor of the souls in purgatory, that they may receive full pardon or at least some relief in their pains; and grant us grace to deliver and to comfort a great number of suffering souls by prayer and good works. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who, during their earthly career, endeavored to gain many indulgences for the faithful departed.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Apply all the indulgences you can gain to the souls in purgatory.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 17—The Manner in Which the Church Bestows Indulgences upon the Souls in Purgatory

The Church does not apply indulgences to the souls in purgatory as she does to the faithful upon earth, by the tribunal of penance and absolution, but confers them simply by pious supplications and sacrifices offered on their behalf; thus they are relieved indirectly. The Holy Church opens her rich treasures of merits and satisfaction in proportion to the suffrages of the faithful, offering expiation and fervent prayers to God for the relief of suffering souls, according to the values of the indulgences gained in their behalf.

God has reserved to Himself the right to accept entirely, or in part, the satisfaction offered for any soul in purgatory. The acceptance depends upon His holy and adorable will and, perhaps, in great measure upon the soul to render itself worthy of the divine assistance during its earthly career. Besides, there may be some obligations neglected by the person who intends to gain the indulgence, owing to ignorance or forgetfulness on his part. Therefore, we have no assurance whatever that an indulgence given by us to the holy souls has had the desired effect. Considering this, we should prepare most carefully and fulfill all obligations required for gaining an indulgence. However, with entire confidence, let us place into the tender hand of divine mercy the application of indulgences to the departed souls especially dear to us.

Prayer: Have mercy, O Lord, upon the suffering souls in purgatory; mitigate the severity of Thy judgment. Let the infinite merits of Thine only begotten Son, and those of Thy saints, assist the holy souls and deliver them from their sufferings. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who have neglected to gain indulgences for the souls in purgatory.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Offer for the souls in purgatory all the indulgences you may gain today.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 18—The Efficacy of Holy Mass for the Faithful Departed

The Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest devotion of the Catholic Church; and of all means to assist the souls in purgatory, none is more valuable or meritorious, for there Jesus Christ Himself offers His infinite merits to His Heavenly Father, by the hands of the priest, in behalf of the suffering souls. The unbloody

Sacrifice of the Mass does not essentially differ from the Sacrifice of the Cross, but only accidentally as to the mode of oblation; and no limit can be placed on the effect of this great Sacrifice, which contains in itself all graces.

From this inestimable efficacy, however, we may not infer that the offering of one Mass is sufficient to release the souls we love; for though the sacrifice on Calvary was infinite, we cannot conclude that the application of it through the Mass must also be infinite. It was not the intention of Jesus Christ to bestow upon us the full efficacy of His suffering and death, which is celebrated in every Mass; His merits are applied according to His adorable will, for the ways of God are often inscrutable.

It is therefore very salutary to have the Holy Sacrifice offered frequently for the repose of a soul.

If the souls who are dear to us, for whom we intercede in this manner, are already in the enjoyment of eternal bliss, divine wisdom and goodness will bestow on other suffering souls the merit of the Mass offered.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst institute the unbloody Sacrifice of the Mass in commemoration of Thy Sacrifice on the Cross, we beseech Thee, bestow the merits of this Holy Sacrifice upon the souls in purgatory so that they may soon be released from their pains. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who were most zealous to assist at Mass.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: If possible, assist at Mass for the relief of the suffering souls.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 19—Holy Communion Is of Great Benefit to the Faithful Departed

The holy Doctor and Cardinal, St. Bonaventure of the Order of St. Francis, who wrote much concerning the holy souls, urges especially frequent communion in their behalf. "Let the love of compassion for your neighbor," so he writes, "lead you to the holy table; for nothing is so well calculated to obtain eternal rest for the holy souls." Louis Blosius relates that a pious servant of God beheld in a vision a departed friend, wrapped in flames, and learned from him that he suffered terribly because he received our Lord in Holy Communion with but little preparation. "Therefore," added this departed friend, "I beg of you, for the love we bore each other, to communicate for the benefit of my soul; but do so with great preparation and fervor; I then hope certainly to be released from the terrible suffering that I have indeed well deserved for my negligence towards the Blessed Sacrament." The friend at once complied with the request; and having received Holy Communion with due preparation, he saw the same soul enveloped in light, winging its happy flight to heaven to behold face to face the King of eternal glory.

Prayer: O Lord Jesus Christ, who in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar hast given us Thine own flesh and blood for nourishment of our souls and a pledge of our own future resurrection, grant us the grace always to receive worthily this Most Holy Mystery, that It may be to us and to the souls in purgatory a source of salvation. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who were negligent in their preparation for Holy Communion.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 20—Love of the Blessed Virgin toward the Souls in Purgatory

Since our Divine Redeemer has given us Mary as a mother, when, dying upon the cross, He spoke to His disciple, "Behold thy mother," the Blessed Virgin regards us Catholics as her beloved children; but she harbors most tender feelings of maternal love toward the suffering souls in purgatory. Let us then afford the Mother of Love with the satisfaction of giving abundant suffrages to the souls in purgatory. Taking into consideration the great prerogatives of the Blessed Virgin and the infinite love of the Holy Trinity toward her, we cannot doubt that by her merit and intercession every penitent suffering soul would be delivered, that purgatory could be emptied at once, were such according to the inscrutable ways of God.

But God has His own designs, founded on His infinite wisdom, justice, and mercy. The Blessed Virgin does not pray to have all suffering souls delivered at once, for her will is in perfect conformity to the will of God, and she exercises her dominion over the souls in purgatory in perfect union with this divine will.

St. Bernardine of Siena applies to Mary the text of Holy Writ, "I have walked in the waves of the sea" (Eccl. 24:8), and adds, "She descends into the sea of fire, quenching the flames for the suffering souls." Denis the Carthusian attests that the souls in purgatory experience the same joy and relief at the mere mention of her name that consoling words bring to the bedridden sick.

Prayer: O most holy and glorious Virgin Mary, Blessed Mother of our Lord, we place our petitions for the suffering souls into thy hands; cleanse them from all imperfections, and by thy intercession obtain for them eternal rest. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls that were most zealous in their devotion to the Blessed Virgin.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: For the suffering souls say the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 21—Efficacy of the Rosary for the Suffering Souls

St. Dominic declares that the redemption of the holy souls from purgatory is one of the principal effects of the Rosary. The Venerable Alanus writes that, whilst they prayed the Rosary, many of the brethren appeared to them and declared that next to the Sacrifice of the Mass there was no more powerful means than the Rosary to help the suffering souls and that numerous souls were daily released thereby who otherwise would have been obliged to remain there for some years. Therefore if we wish to be of assistance to the souls in purgatory, we must always recommend them in our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and especially offer the holy Rosary for them.

Prayer: Graciously hear, O Lord, the prayers we offer Thee in the holy Rosary, in honor of Mary, Thy Virgin Mother, for the relief of the souls in purgatory, while by devoutly meditating upon Thy holy life and suffering, we implore Thy diverse assistance. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who were most devoted to the holy Rosary.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Recite the Rosary for the suffering souls.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 22—Alms-giving Affords Great Relief to the Faithful Departed

Besides prayer and other acts of devotion, there are practical good works we can perform for the relief of the suffering souls. Among these good works, alms-giving is one of the most prominent, for this, being a work of mercy, is especially efficacious in obtaining mercy for the holy souls. Not only the rich are able to give alms but also the poor can do so as well, since it is not the value of the gift but the good intention by which it is bestowed that is acceptable in the sight of God. We also may, one day, be numbered among the suffering souls; and who is in greater need and poverty than they? The most miserable beggar in this world can at least complain of his wants and ask others to assist him; but the souls in purgatory cannot do even this, for the instances in which they are permitted to implore aid of the living are exceptional cases and very few are on record.

If you go to purgatory when you die, you will benefit from the alms you gave to the poor while you lived. And any poor Catholic person whom you assisted may be inspired to pray for your soul because of the charity you showed him upon earth. Therefore Holy Scripture says, "Do good to thy friend before thou die, and according to thy ability, stretching out thy hand give to the poor." (Eccl. 14:13)

Prayer: O Lord, graciously look down upon the alms we offer for the redemption of the captive souls in purgatory. Bestow upon them the full merit thereof that they may be able to discharge their debt; accept this boon of charity, we beseech Thee, that when they are delivered from debt and penalty, Thou mayest lead them into Thy heavenly kingdom. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who upon earth gave alms for the relief of the suffering souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Bestow a gift upon a poor person and offer the merit for the souls in purgatory.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 23—Works of Penance for the Holy Souls

The Church has at all times recommended to her children and the saints have always had recourse to the works of penance as the best means of obtaining extraordinary graces from God, and there is no doubt that these works of mortification have great efficacy for the faithful departed. Works of penance and mortification are expected of everyone, and even the smallest acts are beneficial. There is no one who could not occasionally deny himself some part of a favorite dish or some amusement, mortify his eyes or ears or tongue, observe silence for a short time, bear in patience the pain of sickness or heat or cold or any other adversity, or curb his self will and evil inclinations—in fact, bear with submission and gratitude to God everything that causes pain or distress.

Prayer: Grant us, O Lord, the grace to walk before Thee in penance and mortification, and in these works to remember the souls in purgatory. Deign to accept what we in the spirit of charity offer for the comfort and relief of these penitent souls. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for those who bestowed the merit of their mortifications upon the holy souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Perform an act of mortification for the souls in purgatory.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 24—Value of Good Works Offered for the Suffering Souls

The revered Blosius, a great master of the spiritual life, says, "Our good and merciful Lord loves the souls of His elect who must be purified after death and desires their release so ardently that, whenever in Christian charity we set free by our suffrages any soul from purgatory, we do a thing as acceptable to God as if we had delivered the Lord Himself from a hard captivity. He promises to give us as full of a recompense as such a work of mercy practiced towards Himself would deserve, for He Himself has said, 'Amen, I say to you, as long as you do it to one of these, My least brethren, you did it to Me.' (Matt. 25:40)" The same is affirmed by St. Ambrose: "Whatever we do for the suffering souls, with pious intention, will revert to our own merit, as will be returned a hundred fold, at the hour of our death."

Prayer: O God of love and mercy! Animated with charity and compassion for our faithful departed brethren, we offer Thee our prayers and good works and supplicate Thee to accept them as a propitiatory sacrifice in their behalf. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of those who were negligent in offering good works for the suffering souls.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Bear your sufferings with patience, and offer them for the holy souls.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 25—Gratitude of the Holy Souls

The prayers and works of charity which we bestow on the suffering souls in purgatory not only increase our spiritual merit but also call forth the gratitude of the holy, ransomed souls; for when these dear souls are, by our endeavors, admitted to the vision of God, they cease not to prove the warmth of their thankfulness and love by imploring for us the help of which we are so much in need in the manifold dangers and great troubles of life. How can the faithful departed, who are loved by God so tenderly and predestined to glory, fail to be able to pray, not, indeed, for themselves, because they are not in a condition to merit, yet pray with efficacy for their benefactors still alive? Not only will they speedily pay their debt of gratitude to those who befriend them, but our dear Lord Himself, whose greater honor and glory will be promoted by our devotion to the holy souls, will readily assist them to requite the services rendered them by the faithful upon earth.

Prayer: We beseech Thee, O Lord, vouchsafe to hear the suffering souls who supplicate Thee for their benefactors, that we, in union with these holy souls for whom we offer fervent prayers upon earth, may praise Thy mercies forever. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who suffer for their faults against charity.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Bestow charity upon others without expecting gratitude.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 26—By Delivering the Souls from Purgatory, We Promote the Honor of God

According to St. Paul the Apostle, the honor and glory of God should be the principal motive of all our actions: "Whether you eat or drink, or whatsoever else you do; do all things for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31) The glorification of God ought to be the special aim in our works, most particularly in our acts of charity for the faithful departed, and justly so, for by our assistance God delivers these poor souls and brings them to heaven, where alone God is perfectly known, loved, and glorified.

If St. Teresa and the other saints have declared their readiness to suffer all the tortures imaginable for the promotion of God's glory in a single degree, what should we do and suffer for the deliverance of these souls from the flames of purgatory, since when delivered they glorify God most perfectly in heaven—not for one moment only, but for eternity!

Prayer: Increase, O Lord, Thy honor and glory, that Thy mercy may be praised forever because Thou hast shown clemency toward the souls who love Thee and ardently desire to behold Thee. Comfort them, then, O Lord! Let them behold Thy face in the land of the blessed, where they shall honor, praise, and glorify Thee, forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who, while on earth, promoted the glory of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Make a good intention before every work you perform.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 27—The Lord Rewards Charity toward the Holy Souls

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Matt. 5:7) Those who bestow mercy upon the suffering souls shall themselves, if they go to purgatory, find great relief and assistance there. Even though he who satisfies for the suffering souls does not satisfy for himself, he performs a duty necessary for his own salvation; and if he should go to purgatory, God will see to it that prayers of the living will relieve him. Hence, by the mouth of the Royal Prophet, God declares: "Blessed is he that understandeth concerning the needy and the poor; the Lord will deliver him in the evil day." (Ps. 11:1) The assistance of the holy souls is also experienced in temporal wants, in favor of their benefactors. Bishop Colmar of Mayence writes: "These destitute, suffering souls do not wait until they enter heaven to exhibit their gratitude towards their benefactors: whilst they still languish in purgatory, they pray without intermission for the welfare of the soul and body, obtain for them recovery from disease, assistance in poverty, help in necessities, counsel and protection on journeys and in danger, preservation and increase of their temporal goods, aid them in the salvation of souls, and above all, come to their relief in their agonies of death and before the judgment seat of God."

Prayer: We beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously hear the humble and fervent prayers we offer for the souls in purgatory; and grant that the charity we extend toward our suffering brethren may, by our supplications, obtain for us protection and help. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls in purgatory who are suffering for their want of gratitude when they lived.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: In spiritual and temporal wants, ask the holy souls to intercede for you.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 28—They Have Great Reason to Fear Who Show No Mercy toward the Faithful Departed

"With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matt. 7:2) It will be readily seen that these words of the Divine Savior are applicable also to the assistance we should render the souls departed. A learned Cardinal says: "Those who in this life forget the faithful departed, will, hereafter, in my opinion, be deprived in purgatory of all participation in good works and devout prayers, though ever so many will be offered for them by others; for divine justice is wont in this manner to punish their cruelty and hardness of heart." Hence he who shows no mercy toward the suffering souls and remains cold and indifferent to their pain shall, even though his soul may have escaped eternal damnation, languish in the flames of purgatory, without aid and consolation, and look in vain for relief. The faithful, however, who do not forget the suffering souls completely but seldom think of them, will not be deprived of assistance entirely but will derive very little help and comfort; and their complaints will be answered by the words of St. Paul: "He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly." (2 Cor. 9:6)

Prayer: O God, whose goodness and mercy are infinite, have pity on the souls of those suffering in purgatory who on account of their want of charity are undeserving of Thy bounty; and accept our fervent prayers in reparation for their faults, that they may not suffer without consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls of the faithful departed who suffer for their want of charity when they lived.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Bear patiently the ingratitude of others, and offer it for the souls in purgatory.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 29—Perseverance in Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Holy Church, our good and tender mother, most ardently desires that her children be admitted to the beatific vision of God and incessantly offers pious supplications, during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Divine Office, to obtain mercy for the holy suffering souls. Holy Church thereby teaches us to think of them frequently, for there are souls in the flames of purgatory in need of assistance and fervent prayers, which we should never fail to offer in their behalf. The ways of God are often inscrutable, and His designs concerning the holy souls are unknown to us. Hence there may be among their number some who have a just claim on our assistance, although a long time may have passed away since the close of their earthly career. If the souls of our own beloved faithful departed are no longer in need of our suffrages, they will be bestowed upon others who are deserving of our mercy as well; thus our prayers, our labors of love, will not be less salutary and meritorious. Indeed, life is not too long for us to practice this genuine charity to the end.

Prayer: We beseech Thee, O Lord, grant us the grace to persevere in our charity toward the souls in purgatory; deign to look with eyes of mercy upon these penitent souls; deliver them from their sufferings, and open to them the portals of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the souls who suffer for inconstancy in the service of God.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Examine how you have kept your good resolutions, particularly in the manner you have performed your devotions and works of charity for the suffering souls.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

DAY 30—The Heroic Act of Charity for the Souls in Purgatory

The Heroic Act of Charity consists in the voluntary offering to the divine majesty, in behalf of the souls in purgatory, all the satisfactions of our works and our indulgences throughout life, as well as all the suffrages that shall be offered for us after death. It is a laudable custom to make this offering through the hands of the Blessed Virgin so that she may apply our satisfactions as she may elect. By this offering we forgo in their behalf only that special fruit which belongs to us so that we are not hindered thereby in praying for our own necessities or those of others.

This act of charity, therefore, will not deprive us of any merit. Besides, by resigning all claims on our own works of satisfaction in favor of the souls departed, we shall gain for ourselves the special love of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, according to the promises of Christ: "With what measure you mete, it shall be measured to you again." (Matt. 7:2) Furthermore, the gratitude of the holy souls will induce those in heaven to pray in turn for us so that we may save our souls.

This heroic act of charity has been enriched with many indulgences. They are as follows:

1. The Indult of a Privileged Altar, personally, every day in the year to all priests who shall have made this offering.

2. A plenary indulgence daily, applicable only to the souls in purgatory, to all the faithful who have made this offering, whenever they go to Holy Communion, provided they visit a church or a public oratory and pray there for some time for the intention of his Holiness.

3. A plenary indulgence, every Monday, to all who hear Mass in aid of the souls in purgatory, provided they fulfill the conditions above.

If you do not want to make the Heroic Act of Charity, pray the prayer that follows it instead.

Prayer (Heroic Act of Charity): I, **N.**, renounce in favor of the suffering souls in purgatory the satisfactory portion of all the good works which, with the assistance of divine grace, I from this day forward shall perform, as also all

the prayers and satisfactory works which may, after my death, be applied to my benefit; and I place them all in the hands of the most Blessed Virgin, that this Mother of Mercy may dispose of them according to her pleasure.

Prayer: We humbly beseech Thee, O Lord, graciously accept our prayers, with the indulgences attached, for the suffering souls. In their behalf we offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Redeemer, and His infinite merits; united with the merits of His most holy, immaculate Virgin Mother Mary; her ever glorious spouse, St. Joseph; the holy apostles and all the spirits of heaven, so that by virtue of these merits our devotions may be to the suffering souls a source of consolation and may open to them the portals of heaven, there to love, praise, and glorify Thee, forever and ever. Amen.

Special Intercession: Pray for the suffering souls who while on earth made the Heroic Act of Charity.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(three times)*

Practice: Endeavor every day to perform an act of charity for the suffering souls.

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

If this devotion is performed in a month that has 31 days, add the following day.

DAY 31—By a Good Intention We Make Even Our Most Trivial Actions and Sufferings Meritorious and Can Offer Them for the Deliverance of the Holy Souls

As rational beings we should have a distinct object in view in all our actions. By performing even the most trivial acts from the motives to please our dear Lord and to do His holy will, these acts become meritorious. It is understood that these acts must not be contrary to the commandments of God and His Holy Church or else they cannot be meritorious. And when we are in a state of grace, any meritorious act, as trivial as it may be, can benefit the poor souls in purgatory. For instance, Catholics in a state of grace who are working from early in the morning till late at night can assist the suffering souls in an efficacious manner by offering, for the relief of the suffering souls, their toil and fatigue in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary. Sick persons or those enduring mental sufferings such as temptations, contempt, slander, or unjust treatment, or those who mourn for the loss of a dear relative or a dear friend, etc., may make the same intention in regard to their particular suffering.

Prayer: My dear Redeemer! By lack of a good intention, how many occasions have I lost to gain merits and thus to assist Thy holy spouses! Pardon my negligence, and graciously assist me to turn every precious moment of time to advantage by a good intention and to make up for the past. In union with Thy merits and those of Thy holy Mother Mary and all the saints, I unite my thoughts, words, deeds, and spiritual and bodily sufferings for the suffering souls. In return I beseech the holy souls to obtain for me, and for all those for whom I am in duty and love bound to pray, spiritual and temporal favors and abundant graces to lead a holy life and to persevere to the end. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Special Petition: Pray for the souls who spent time uselessly and were negligent in making and renewing the good intention.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; may they rest in peace. Amen. *(Three times)*

Practice: When rising in the morning, I shall make my good intention for the coming day. I will say often during this day: "For the love of Jesus and Mary, and the relief of the suffering souls."

Invocation: My Jesus, mercy!

Other prayers for the Poor Souls

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Novenas

Novena to the Holy Face

O Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Thine adorable Face to ask of Thee the graces of which we stand most in need, we beseech Thee above all to grant us that interior disposition of never refusing at any time what Thou requirest of us by Thy holy commandments and divine inspirations. O good Jesus, who hadst said, "Ask, and you shall receive: seek, and you shall find: knock, and it shall be opened to you," grant us, O Lord, that faith which obtains all, or supply in us what may be deficient; grant us, by the pure effect of Thy charity and for Thine eternal glory, the graces which we need and which we look for from Thine infinite mercy. Amen.

Be merciful to us, O my God, and reject not our prayers when amid our afflictions we call upon Thy Holy Name and seek with love

and confidence Thine adorable Face. Amen.

O Almighty and Eternal God, look upon the Face of Thy Son Jesus. We present It to Thee with confidence to implore Thy pardon. The all-merciful Advocate opens His mouth to plead our cause; hearken to His cries, behold His tears, O God, and through His infinite merits hearken to Him when He intercedes for us poor miserable sinners. Amen.

Adorable Face of Jesus, my only love, my light, and my life, grant that I may know Thee, love Thee, and serve Thee alone, that I may live with Thee, of Thee, by Thee, and for Thee. Amen.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the adorable Face of Thy beloved Son for the honor and glory of Thy name, for the conversion of sinners, and the salvation of the dying. O Divine Jesus, through Thy Face and name, save us. Our hope is in the virtue of Thy Holy Name! Amen.

Novena in Honor of the Most Holy Face of Jesus

This novena prayer may be said at any time, but especially in the nine days leading up to the Feast of the Holy Face on Shrove Tuesday (i.e., begin on Sexagesima Sunday).

"I firmly wish that my face reflecting the intimate pains of my soul, the suffering and love of my heart, be more honoured! Whoever gazes upon me already consoles me."
(Jesus Christ to Sr. Pierina)

"All those who attracted by my love and venerating my countenance shall receive by virtue of my humanity a brilliant and vivid impression of my divinity. This splendour shall enlighten the depths of their souls so that in eternal glory the celestial court shall marvel at the marked likeness of their features with my divine countenance."
(Jesus Christ to St. Gertrude)

DAILY CONSOLATION AND PREPARATORY PRAYER

(Console the Holy Face of Jesus by gazing upon It and reflecting upon His great sufferings for the love of us.)

The Holy Shroud of Turin

O Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, through the intercession of Holy Mary, whose soul was pierced through by a sword of sorrow at the sight of the Passion of her Divine Son, we ask Thy help in making a perfect novena of reparation with Jesus, united with all His sorrows, love, and total abandonment. We now implore all the angels and saints to intercede for us as we pray this Holy Novena to the Most Holy Face of Jesus and for the glory of the most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

FIRST DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy. And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity." (Ps. 50:3)

O most Holy Face of Jesus, look with tenderness on us who are sinners. Thou art a merciful God, full of love and compassion. Keep us pure of heart so that we may see Thee always. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; St. Joseph, pray for us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer to Our Almighty Father

Almighty Father, come into our hearts, and so fill us with Thy love that forsaking all evil desires we may embrace Thee, our only Good. Show us, O Lord our God, what Thou art to us. Say to our souls, I am your salvation; speak so that we may hear. Our hearts are before Thee; open our ears, let us hasten after Thy voice. Hide not Thy Face from us, we beseech Thee, O Lord. Open our hearts so that Thou mayest enter in. Repair the ruined mansions, that Thou mayest dwell therein. Hear us, O Heavenly Father, for the sake of Thy only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (St. Augustine)

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

SECOND DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me. To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest

be justified in thy words and mayest overcome when thou art judged." (Ps. 50:5-6)

Most Holy Face of Jesus, we are truly sorry that we have hurt Thee so much by constantly doing what is wrong and by failing to do all the good works that we can. Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Joseph, intercede for us; help us to console the most Holy Face of Jesus. Pray that we may share in the tremendous love thou hast for one another and for the most Holy and Blessed Trinity. Amen. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, all powerful God of love, Thou who didst fill the Virgin Mary with grace, Thou who didst wonderfully transform the hearts of the apostles, Thou who didst endow all Thy martyrs with a miraculous heroism, come and sanctify us; illumine our minds, strengthen our wills, purify our consciences, rectify our judgments, set our hearts on fire, and preserve us from the misfortune of resisting Thine inspirations. We consecrate to Thee our understanding, our heart, and our will, our whole being for time and for eternity. May our understanding be always submissive to Thy heavenly inspirations and to the teachings of Thy Holy Catholic Church, of which Thou art the infallible guide; may our heart be ever inflamed with love of God and neighbour; may our will be ever conformed to the divine will; and may our whole life be a faithful imitation of the life and virtues of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and Thee be honour and glory forever. Amen.

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

THIRD DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words and mayest overcome when thou art judged. For behold I was conceived in iniquities; and in sins did my mother conceive me." (Ps. 50:6-7)

Prayer of Pope Pius IX

O Jesus! Cast upon us a look of mercy; turn Thy Face towards each of us as Thou didst to Veronica, not that we may see it with our bodily eyes, for this we do not deserve, but turn it towards our hearts so that, remembering Thee, we may ever draw from this fountain of strength the vigour necessary to sustain the combats of life. Amen. Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph, pray for us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer of St. Francis

All highest, glorious God, cast Thy light into the darkness of our hearts; give us true faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility, so that with wisdom, courage, and perception, O Lord, we may do what is truly Thy holy will. Amen.

To the Angels and Saints

We salute Thee through the Holy Face and Sacred Heart of Jesus, O all you Holy Angels and Saints of God. We rejoice in thy glory, and we give thanks to our Lord for all the benefits which He has showered upon thee; we praise Him, and glorify Him, and offer thee for an increase of thy joy and honour the most Holy Face and gentle Heart of Jesus. Pray that we may become formed according to the heart of God. Amen.

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

FOURTH DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"For behold thou hast loved truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me. Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow." (Ps. 50:8-9)

O Lord Jesus, who has said, "Learn of Me for I am meek and gentle of heart," and who did manifest upon Thy Holy Face the sentiments of Thy divine heart, grant that we may love to frequently meditate upon Thy divine features. We may read there Thy gentleness and Thy humility and learn how to form our hearts in the practice of these two virtues which Thou dost desire to see shine in Thy servants. Mary, our Mother, and St. Joseph, help us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer in Honour of the Dolours of the Blessed Virgin

O most holy and afflicted Virgin, Queen of martyrs, who stood beneath the cross, witnessing the agony of thy dying Son, look down with a mother's tenderness and pity on us as we kneel before thee to venerate thy dolours and place our requests, with filial confidence, in the sanctuary of thy wounded heart. Present them on our behalf to Jesus, through the merits of His most sacred Passion and death, together with thy sufferings at the foot of the cross; and through the united efficacy of both, obtain the favour which we humbly ask. To whom shall we go in our wants and miseries if not to thee? O Mother of Mercy, who having so deeply drunk of the chalice of thy Son, graciously alleviate the sufferings of those who still sigh in this land of exile. Amen.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

My Jesus, by the sorrows Thou didst suffer in Thine agony in the garden, in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, in Thy way to Calvary, in Thy crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken. Deliver them from the dire torments they endure. Call them and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in paradise. Amen.

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

FIFTH DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness: and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice. Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities." (Ps. 50:10-11)

Holy Face of Jesus, sacred Countenance of God, how great is Thy patience with mankind, how infinite Thy forgiveness. We are sinners, yet Thou dost love us. This gives us courage. For the glory of Thy Holy Face and of the Blessed Trinity, hear and answer us. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; St. Joseph, pray for us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Dear St. Joseph, adopt us as thy children and take charge of our salvation; watch over us day and night; preserve us from occasions of sin; obtain for us purity of body and soul and the spirit of prayer; through thy intercession with Jesus grant us a spirit of sacrifice, of humility and self-denial; obtain for us a burning love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and a sweet, tender love for Mary, our Mother. St. Joseph, be with us in life, be with us in death, and obtain for us a favorable judgment from Jesus, our merciful Saviour. Amen.

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

SIXTH DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels. Cast me not away from thy face; and take not thy holy spirit from me." (Ps. 50:12-13)

May our hearts be cleansed, O Lord, by the inpouring of the Holy Spirit; and may He render them fruitful by watering them with His heavenly dew. Mary, the most chaste Spouse of the Holy Spirit, intercede for us; St. Joseph, pray for us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

O victorious Prince, most humble guardian of the Church of God and of faithful souls, who with such charity and zeal took part in so many conflicts and gained such great victories over the enemy, come to our assistance, we pray Thee, for the conservation and protection of the honour and glory we all owe to God, as well as for the promotion of our salvation, for we are continually besieged with such great perils by our enemies, the flesh, the world, and the devil; and as Thou wast a leader for the people of God through the desert, so also be our faithful leader and companion through the desert of this world until Thou conduct us safely into the happy land of the living, in that blessed fatherland from which we are all exiles. Amen. (St. Aloysius)

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

SEVENTH DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit. I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee." (Ps. 50:14-15)

Lord Jesus! After contemplating Thy features disfigured by grief, after meditating upon Thy Passion with compunction and love, how can our hearts fail to be inflamed with a holy hatred of sin, which even now outrages Thy adorable Face! Lord, suffer us not to be content with mere compassion, but give us grace to closely follow Thee in this Calvary so that Thy opprobrium may fall upon us, O Jesus, that thus we may have a share, small though it may be, in expiation of sin. Amen. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; St. Joseph, pray for us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer in Honour of Mary

Hail, Mary, Daughter of God the Father; Hail, Mary, Mother of God the Son; Hail, Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit; Hail, Mary, temple of the most Holy Trinity; Hail, Mary, my Mistress, my treasure, my joy, Queen of my heart, my Mother, my life, my sweetness, my dearest hope—yea, my heart and my soul! I am all thine and all that I have is thine, O Virgin blessed above all things! Let thy soul be in me to magnify the Lord; let thy spirit be in me to rejoice in God. Set thyself, O faithful Virgin, as a seal upon my heart, that in thee and through thee I may be found faithful to God. Receive me, O gracious Virgin, among those whom thou lovest and teachest, whom thou leadest, nourishest, and protectest as thy children. Grant that for love of thee I may despise all earthly consolations and ever cling to those of heaven until through the Holy Spirit, thy faithful Spouse, and through thee, His faithful Spouse, Jesus Christ thy Son be formed in me for the glory of the Father. Amen. (St. Louis de Montfort)

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

EIGHTH DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice. O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise." (Ps. 50:16-17)

Most merciful Face of Jesus, who in this vale of tears was so moved by our misfortunes to call Thyself the healer of the sick and the good shepherd of the souls gone astray, allow not Satan to draw us away from Thee, but keep us always under Thy loving protection, together with all souls who endeavour to console Thee. Mary, our Mother, intercede for us; St. Joseph, pray for us. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer to St. Peter

O glorious St. Peter, who, in return for thy lively and generous faith, thy profound and sincere humility, and thy burning love, was honoured by Jesus Christ with singular privileges, and in particular with the leadership of the other apostles and the primacy of the whole Church, do thou obtain for us the grace of a lively faith that shall not fear to profess itself openly in its entirety and in all of its manifestations, even to the shedding of blood if occasion should demand it and to the sacrifice of life itself in preference to surrender. Obtain for us likewise a sincere loyalty to our Holy Mother the Church. Grant that we may ever remain most closely and sincerely united to the Holy Father,[6] who is the heir of thy faith and of thy authority, the one true visible head of the Catholic Church. Grant, moreover, that we may follow in all humility and meekness the Church's teachings and counsels and that we may be obedient to all her precepts in order to be able here on earth to enjoy the peace Thou hast promised and to attain one day to everlasting happiness in heaven. Amen.

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

NINTH DAY

(Begin with "Daily Consolation and Preparatory Prayer")

"For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt offerings thou wilt not be delighted. A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Deal favourably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion; that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up." (Ps. 50:18-20)

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[6] When the Holy See is vacant, replace "to the Holy Father" with "to the papacy."

Sacred Face of our Lord and our God, what words can we say to express our gratitude? How can we speak of our joy that Thou hast deigned to hear us, that Thou hast chosen to answer us in our hour of need. We say this because Thou hast promised by Thy loving kindness to answer the prayers and pleadings of those who love and obey Thee in all things. Mary, our Mother, we thank thee for thy intercession on our behalf. St. Joseph, we thank thee for thy prayers. O Jesus, through the merits of Thy precious blood and Thy Holy Face, grant us our petition *(here make your petition)*. Pardon and mercy.

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

Most Holy Trinity, Godhead indivisible, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our first beginning and our last end, since Thou hast made us after Thine own image, grant that all the thoughts of our minds, all the words of our tongues, all the affections of our hearts, and all our actions may be always conformed to Thy most holy will so that, after having seen Thee here on earth in the picture of Thy most Holy Face and by means of faith, we may come at last to contemplate Thee face to face, in the perfect possession of Thee forever in paradise. Amen.

1 Our Father, 3 Hail Mary's, and 1 Glory Be.

O Bleeding Face, O Face Divine, be every adoration Thine *(three times)*.

Recite the following Act of Consecration.

Act of Consecration

O Lord Jesus, we believe most firmly in Thee and we love Thee. Thou art the Eternal Son of God and the Son Incarnate of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thou art the Lord and Absolute Ruler of all creation. We acknowledge Thee, therefore, as the Universal Sovereign of all creatures. Thou art the Lord and Supreme Ruler of all mankind; and we, in acknowledging this, Thy dominion, consecrate ourselves to Thee now and forever. Loving Jesus, we place our family under the protection of Thy Holy Face and of Thy Virgin Mother, Mary most sorrowful. We promise to be faithful to Thee for the rest of our lives and to observe with fidelity Thy holy commandments. May we never deny Thee and Thy divine rights over us and all mankind. Grant us the grace to never sin again; nevertheless, should we fail, O Divine Saviour, have mercy on us and restore us to Thy grace. Radiate Thy divine countenance upon us, and bless us now and forever. Embrace us at the hour of death and bring us to Thy kingdom for all eternity, through the intercession of Thy Blessed Mother, of all Thy saints who behold Thee in heaven, and the just who glorify Thee on earth. O Jesus, be mindful of us forever and never forsake us; protect our family. O Mother of Sorrows, by the eternal glory which thou dost enjoy in heaven, through the merits of thy bitter anguish in the sacred Passion of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, obtain for us the grace that the precious blood shed by Jesus for the redemption of our souls be not shed for us in vain. We love thee, O Mary. Embrace us and bless us, O Mother. Protect us in life and in death. Amen. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

Novena to the Holy Spirit

(Recited from the day after Ascension Thursday to the Vigil of Pentecost)

Foreword:

The novena to the Holy Spirit is the oldest of all novenas since it was first made at the direction of Our Lord when He sent His apostles back to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost. It is the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the light, strength, and love so sorely needed by every Christian. To encourage devotion to the Holy Spirit, the Church has enriched this novena with the following indulgences:

Immediately preceding the feast of Pentecost, the faithful who devoutly assist at the public novena in honor of the Holy Spirit may gain:

1. An indulgence of 10 years on any day of the novena.

2. A plenary indulgence if they take part in at least five of the exercises and, moreover, go to confession and receive Holy

Communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions.

Those who make a private novena in honor of the Holy Spirit, either before Pentecost or at any other time in the year, may gain:

1. An indulgence of 7 years on any day of this novena.

2. A plenary indulgence under the usual conditions; but if a public novena is held, this indulgence is available only to those who are lawfully hindered from being part in the same.

First Day

Holy Spirit! Lord of Light! / From Thy clear celestial height, / Thy pure beaming radiance give!

The Holy Spirit: Only one thing is important—eternal salvation. Only one thing, therefore, is to be feared—sin. Sin is the result of ignorance, weakness, and indifference. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Light, of Strength, and of Love. With His sevenfold gifts He enlightens the mind, strengthens the will, and inflames the heart with love of God. To ensure our salvation, we ought to invoke the Divine Spirit daily, for "The Spirit helpeth our infirmity. We know not what we should pray for as we ought. But the Spirit Himself asketh for us."

Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us by water and the Holy Spirit and hast given us forgiveness of sins, vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us Thy sevenfold Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude, the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety, and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body, to Thee, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Thy purity, the unerring keenness of Thy justice, and the might of Thy love. Thou art the Strength and Light of my soul. In Thee I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve Thee by unfaithfulness to grace, and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against Thee. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Thy light, and listen to Thy voice, and follow Thy gracious inspirations. I cling to Thee and give myself to Thee and ask Thee, by Thy compassion, to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced feet of Jesus, and looking at His five wounds, and trusting in His precious blood, and adoring His opened side and stricken heart, I implore Thee, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, so to keep me in Thy grace that I may never sin against Thee. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son, to say to Thee always and everywhere: "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." Amen.

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ, who before ascending into heaven didst promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love. Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy divine truth; the Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with Thee and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the saints; the Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; the Spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.

Second Day

Come, Thou Father of the poor! / Come, with treasures which endure! / Come, Thou Light of all that live!

The Gift of Fear: The gift of Fear fills us with a sovereign respect for God and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin. It is a fear that arises, not from the thought of hell, but from sentiments of reverence and filial submission to our heavenly Father. It is the fear that is the beginning of wisdom, detaching us from the worldly pleasures that could in any way separate us from God. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts, and in His sight will sanctify their souls."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Holy Fear, penetrate my inmost heart that I may set Thee, my Lord and God, before my face forever. Help me to shun all things that can

offend Thee, and make me worthy to appear before the pure eyes of Thy divine majesty in heaven, where Thou livest and reignest in the unity of the ever Blessed Trinity, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Third Day

Thou, of all consolers best, / Visiting the troubled breast, / Dost refreshing peace bestow.

The Gift of Piety: The gift of Piety begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father. It inspires us to love and respect for His sake persons and things consecrated to Him, as well as those who are vested with His authority, His Blessed Mother and the saints, the Church and its visible Head, our parents and superiors, our country and its rulers. He who is filled with the gift of Piety finds the practice of his religion not a burdensome duty, but a delightful service. Where there is love, there is no labor.

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Piety, possess my heart. Enkindle therein such a love for God that I may find satisfaction only in His service, and for His sake lovingly submit to all legitimate authority. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Fourth Day

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; / Pleasant coolness in the heat; / Solace in the midst of woe.

The Gift of Fortitude: By the gift of Fortitude the soul is strengthened against natural fear and supported to the end in the performance of duty. Fortitude imparts to the will an impulse and energy which move it to undertake without hesitancy the most arduous tasks, to face dangers, to trample under foot human respect, and to endure without complaint the slow martyrdom of even lifelong tribulation. "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Fortitude, uphold my soul in time of troubles and adversity, sustain my efforts after holiness, strengthen my weakness, give me courage against all the assaults of my enemies that I may never be overcome and separated from Thee, my God and greatest Good. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Fifth Day

Light immortal! Light divine! / Visit Thou these hearts of Thine, / And our inmost being fill!

The Gift of Knowledge: The gift of Knowledge enables the soul to evaluate created things at their true worth—in their relation to God. Knowledge unmasks the pretense of creatures, reveals their emptiness, and points out their only true purpose as instruments in the service of God. It shows us the loving care of God even in adversity and directs us to glorify Him in every circumstance of life. Guided by its light, we put first things first and prize the friendship of God beyond all else. "Knowledge is a fountain of life to him that possesseth it."

Prayer

Come, O Blessed Spirit of Knowledge, and grant that I may perceive the will of the Father. Show me the nothingness of earthly things that I may realize their vanity and use them only for Thy glory and my own salvation, looking ever beyond them to Thee and Thy eternal rewards. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Sixth Day

If Thou take Thy grace away, / Nothing pure in man will stay; / All his good is turned to ill.

The Gift of Understanding: Understanding, as a gift of the Holy Spirit, helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion. By faith we know them, but by Understanding we learn to appreciate and relish them. It enables us to penetrate the inner meaning of revealed truths and through them to be quickened to newness of life. Our faith ceases to be sterile and inactive, but inspires a mode of life that bears eloquent testimony to the faith that is in us. We begin to "walk worthy of God in all things pleasing, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Understanding, and enlighten our minds, that we may know and believe all the mysteries of salvation, and may merit at last to see the eternal light of Thy Light, and in the light of glory to have a clear vision of Thee and the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Seventh Day

Heal our wounds—our strength renew; / On our dryness pour Thy dew; / Wash the stains of guilt away!

The Gift of Counsel: The gift of Counsel endows the soul with supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances. Counsel applies the principles furnished by Knowledge and Understanding to the innumerable concrete cases that confront us in the course of our daily duty as parents, teachers, public servants, and Christian citizens. Counsel is supernatural common sense, a priceless treasure in the quest of salvation. "Above all things, pray to the Most High, that He may direct thy way in truth."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Counsel, help and guide me in all my ways that I may always do Thy holy will. Incline my heart to that which is good, turn it away from all that is evil, and direct me by the straight path of Thy commandments to that goal of eternal life for which I long. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Eighth Day

Bend the stubborn heart and will; / Melt the frozen, warm the chill; / Guide the steps that go astray!

The Gift of Wisdom: Embodying all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues, Wisdom is the most perfect of the gifts. Of Wisdom it is written "all good things come to me with her, and innumerable riches through her hands." It is the gift of Wisdom that strengthens our faith, fortifies hope, perfects charity, and promotes the practice of virtue in the highest degree. Wisdom enlightens the mind to discern and relish things divine, in the appreciation of which earthly joys lose their savor, whilst the cross of Christ yields a divine sweetness according to the words of the Savior: "Take up thy cross and follow Me, for My yoke is sweet and My burden light."

Prayer

Come, O Spirit of Wisdom, and reveal to my soul the mysteries of heavenly things, their exceeding greatness, power, and beauty. Teach me to love them above and beyond all the passing joys and satisfactions of earth. Help me to attain them and possess them for ever. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Ninth Day

Thou, on those who evermore / Thee confess and Thee adore / In Thy sevenfold gifts, descend: / Give them comfort when they die; / Give them life with Thee on high; / Give them joys which never end. Amen.

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit: The gifts of the Holy Spirit perfect the supernatural virtues by enabling us to practice them with greater docility to divine inspiration. As we grow in the knowledge and love of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit, our service becomes more sincere and generous, the practice of virtue becomes more perfect. Such acts of virtue leave the heart filled with joy and consolation and are known as Fruits of the Holy Spirit. These Fruits in turn render the practice of virtue more attractive and become a powerful incentive for still greater efforts in the service of God.

Prayer

Come, O Divine Spirit, fill my heart with Thy heavenly fruits, Thy charity, joy, peace, patience, benignity, goodness, long-suffering, mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity, that I may never weary in the service of God, but by continued faithful submission to Thy inspiration may merit to be united eternally with Thee in the love of the Father and the Son. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; 7 Glory Be's; Act of Consecration; Prayer for the Seven Gifts.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

V. Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
R. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.
V. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

LET US PRAY: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit didst instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to the Infant of Prague

O dearest Jesus, tenderly loving us, our greatest joy is for Thee to dwell among us and to bestow Thy blessing upon us! Though I am not worthy that Thou should behold me with love, I feel myself drawn to Thee, O dear Infant Jesus, because Thou dost gladly pardon me and exercise Thy almighty power over me.

So many who turned with confidence to Thee have received grace and had their petitions granted. Behold me, in spirit I kneel before Thy miraculous image on Thine altar in Prague and lay open my heart to Thee, with its prayers, petitions, and hopes. Especially the affair of *(here make your petition)* I enclose in Thy loving Heart. Govern me and do with me and mine according to Thy holy will, for I know that in Thy divine wisdom and love Thou will ordain everything for the best. Almighty gracious Infant Jesus, do not withdraw Thy hand from us, but protect and bless us forever.

I pray Thee, sweetest Infant, in the name of Thy Blessed Mother Mary, who cared for Thee with such tenderness, and by the great reverence with which St. Joseph carried Thee in his arms, comfort me and make me happy, that I may bless and thank Thee forever from all my heart. Amen.

Miraculous Medal Novena

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Our Lord Jesus and our Mother, penetrated with the most lively confidence in thine all-powerful and never-failing intercession, manifested so often through the Miraculous Medal, we thy loving and trustful children implore thee to obtain for us the graces and favors we ask during this novena if they be beneficial to our immortal souls and the souls for whom we pray (*here make your petition*). Thou knowest, O Mary, how often our souls have been the sanctuaries of thy Son who hates iniquity. Obtain for us then a deep hatred of sin and that purity of heart which will attach us to God alone so that our every thought, word, and deed may tend to His greater glory. Obtain for us also a spirit of prayer and self-denial that we may recover by penance what we have lost by sin and at length attain to that blessed abode where thou art the Queen of angels and of men. Amen.

Novena Prayer to St. Raphael

Most illustrious Archangel St. Raphael, who faithfully accompanied the youth Tobias from Syria to Media, deign also to accompany me, a wretched sinner, on the dangerous journey which I am making now from time to eternity.

Glory be…

Most wise Archangel St. Raphael, who while walking beside the river Tigris preserved the youth Tobias from the peril of death, teaching him how to obtain control of the fish which threatened him, preserve my life also from the attacks of the monsters which threaten to devour me.

Glory be…

Most compassionate Archangel St. Raphael, who by a miracle wonderful in its simplicity restored the precious gift of sight to the blind Tobias, free my life, I beseech thee, from the blindness which afflicts and dishonors it so that I may know things in their true aspect. Never permit me to be deceived by appearances, but help me always to walk secure in the way of the divine commandments.

Glory be…

Most perfect Archangel St. Raphael, ever standing before the throne of the Most High to praise Him, to bless Him, to glorify Him, and to serve Him, obtain for me the grace never to lose sight of the divine presence so that my thoughts, my words, and my works may be directed always to the glory of God and to my own sanctification.

Glory be…

Novena Prayer to St. Anne

O glorious Saint Anne, filled with compassion for those who invoke thee and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at thy feet and humbly beg of thee to take under thy special protection the present affair which I commend to thee (*here make your petition*).

Be pleased to commend it to thy daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus so that He may bring it to a happy outcome. Cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. Above all obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and, with thee and Mary and all the saints, of praising and blessing Him for all eternity. Amen.

Good Saint Anne, mother of her who is our life, our sweetness, and our hope, pray to her for us and obtain our request. *(recite three times)*

Good St. Anne, pray for us. Jesus, Mary, Anne.

LET US PRAY: O God, who didst vouchsafe to endow blessed Anne with grace so that she might be worthy to become the mother of her who brought forth Thine only begotten Son, mercifully grant that we who devoutly venerate her memory may also be helped by her powerful intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Novena to St. Anne

(Ind. of 300 days, once a day. Leo XIII. March 20, 1886. Indulgence of 7 years and 7 quarantines when said before feast of St. Anne, July 26.)

With deep and heartfelt veneration I prostrate myself before thee, O glorious St. Anne.

Thou art that creation of privilege and predilection, who through thy extraordinary virtues and sanctity wast worthy to receive from God the supreme grace of giving life to the treasure house of all graces, the most holy Virgin Mary, blessed among women, Mother of the Word Incarnate. Deign, therefore, O most compassionate Saint, for the sake of this lofty privilege, to receive me into the number of thy true followers, for such I protest I am and desire to remain so long as I may live. Surround me with thy powerful patronage, and obtain for me from God the grace to imitate those virtues with which thou wast so abundantly adorned.

Grant that I may know and bitterly lament my sins. Obtain for me a most lively affection for Jesus and Mary, and fidelity and constancy in the practice of the duties of my state. Preserve me from every danger in life, and assist me in the moment of my death, so that safe in paradise I may unite with thee, good Saint Anne, in praising the Word of God made man in the bosom of thy most pure child, the Virgin Mary. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be. *(three times each)*

Novena for the Poor Souls

Prayer to Our Suffering Saviour for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

(To be said daily during the novena after the particular prayers for that day)

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemane, have mercy on these blessed souls. Have mercy on them.
R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.
R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.
R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel crucifixion, have mercy on them.
R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the cross, have mercy on them.
R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

V. O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy blessed soul, have mercy on them.
R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

(Here recommend yourself to the souls in purgatory, and mention the favour you wish to obtain through this novena.)

Blessed Souls, I have prayed for thee; I entreat thee, who are so dear to God and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for me a miserable sinner who is in danger of being damned and of losing God forever. Amen.

Day One

Manifold are the sufferings which those blessed souls must endure, but the greatest of all is the reflection that their sins in life are the cause of their present torments.

JESUS, my Saviour, I have so often deserved to be cast into hell! How great would be my suffering if I were now cast away and obliged to think that I myself had caused my damnation. I thank Thee for the patience with which Thou hast endured me. My God, I love Thee above all things and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, because Thou art infinite goodness. I would rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of perseverance. Have pity on me and at the same time on those blessed souls suffering in purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Saviour for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Two

The second pain which causes these holy souls much suffering is the time lost in life when they might have gained merits for heaven, and the thought that they are unable to repair this loss because the time of life and merit is passed.

WOE to me, unhappy being; so many years have I already spent on earth and have earned naught but hell! I give Thee thanks, O Lord, for granting me time even now to atone for my sins. My good God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. Send me Thy assistance, that I may apply the time yet remaining to me for Thy love and service; have compassion on me and at the same time on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Three

Another great pain of the holy souls is caused by the hideous vision of their guilt, for which they now suffer. In this life the hideousness of sin is not seen as in the life to come, and this is one of the greatest sufferings of purgatory.

O MY God! Because Thou art infinite goodness, I love Thee above all things and repent with my whole heart of my offenses against Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and at the same on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. And thou, Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Four

The pain that still more afflicts these holy souls, the spouses of Jesus, is the thought of having, during life, displeased by their sins that God whom they so ardently love. Some penitents have felt so much pain and sorrow in thinking of having, by their sins, offended so good a God, that they died of grief. The souls in purgatory understand, far better than we do, the claims that God has to our love; they love Him with all their strength. Hence, at the thought of having offended Him during life, they experience pain that surpasses all other pain.

O MY God! Because Thou art infinite goodness, I am sorry with my whole heart for having offended Thee. I wish to die rather than ever offend Thee more. Give me holy perseverance; have pity on me, and have pity on those holy souls who burn in the cleansing fire and who love Thee with all their hearts. O Mary, Mother of God, assist them by thy powerful prayers.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Five

Another great suffering is caused these holy souls by the ignorance

of the time of their deliverance. They are certain of being one day released, yet the uncertainty of the time when their purgatorial term will have ended gives them great pain.

WOE to me, unhappy being, if Thou, O Lord, hadst cast me into hell; for from that dungeon of eternal pain there is no deliverance. I love Thee above all things, O infinite God; and I am sincerely sorry for having offended Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and at the same time on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. O Mary, Mother of God, come to their assistance with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Six

The holy souls are, indeed, comforted by the recollection of the Passion of Jesus Christ and the Holy Sacrament of the Altar, since they know they are saved by the Passion of Jesus Christ and have received, and still receive, so much consolation from Holy Masses and Holy Communion. Nevertheless, they are greatly pained by the recollection of their ingratitude for these two great gifts of the love of Jesus Christ.

O MY Divine Redeemer, Thou didst die for me on the cross and hast so often united Thyself with me in Holy Communion, and I have repaid Thee only with ingratitude. Now, however, I love Thee above all things, O supreme God; and I am more grieved at my offences against Thee than at any other evil. I would rather die than offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and at the same time on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Seven

A further great sorrow of these holy souls consists in their ardent desire for the beatific vision. Slowly and painfully the moments of their purgatorial imprisonment pass by, for they love God deeply and desire to be delivered from their sad prison in order to praise Him forever.

O GOD, Father of Mercy, satisfy this their ardent desire! Send them Thy holy angel to announce to them that Thou, their Father, are now reconciled with them through the suffering and death of Jesus, and that the moment of their deliverance has arrived.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Eight

Another bitter sorrow of these souls is caused by the reflection that God had distinguished them by so many graces not granted to others, and that they compelled Him, by their sins, to condemn them to these sufferings, and that they deserved hell, and were pardoned and saved only by the mercy of God.

O MY God! I also am one of these ungrateful beings, having received so much grace, and yet I despised Thy love and deserved to be cast by Thee into hell. But Thy infinite goodness has spared me until now. Therefore I now love Thee above all things, and I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. I would rather die than ever offend Thee again. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance. Have compassion on me and at the same time on the holy souls suffering in purgatory. Mary, Mother of God, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Day Nine

Great are all the sufferings of the holy souls: the fire, the grief, the darkness, the uncertainty of the time of their deliverance from prison; but the greatest of all these sorrows is this: that these holy souls are separated from their divine Spouse and deprived of His beatific vision.

O MY God! How was it possible that I, for so many years, bore tranquilly the separation from Thee and Thy holy grace! O infinite Goodness, how long-suffering hast Thou shown Thyself to me! Henceforth, I shall love Thee above all things. I am deeply sorry for having offended Thee; I wish to die rather than to again offend Thee. Grant me the grace of holy perseverance, and do not permit that I should ever again fall into sin. Have compassion on the holy souls in purgatory. I pray Thee: moderate their sufferings, shorten the time of their misery, call them soon unto Thee in heaven that they may behold Thee face to face and forever love Thee. Mary, Mother of Mercy, come to their aid with thy powerful intercession; and pray for us also who are still in danger of eternal damnation.

Our Father; Hail Mary; *and the* Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Novena of Grace (St. Francis Xavier)

(Can by prayed any time but especially beneficial from March 4 through March 12, the date of St. Francis Xavier's canonization.)

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.
R. And my mouth shall announce Thy praise.
V. Incline unto my aid, O God.
R. O Lord, make haste to help me.
V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer

V. O God! Who wast pleased to restore to the bosom of Thy Church the nations of the Indies through the preaching and miracles of St. Francis Xavier, mercifully grant us that we may imitate his virtues, whose glorious merits we hold in veneration. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Hymn

O Father Saint Francis, we kneel at thy feet / While blessings and favors we beg and entreat, / That thou from thy bright throne in heaven above / Wouldst look on thy clients with pity and love.

Saint Francis Xavier, O pray for us! / Saint Francis Xavier, O pray for us!

O Father Saint Francis, thy words were once strong / Against Satan's wiles and an infidel throng, / Not less is thy might where in heaven thou art; / Oh, come to our aid, in our battle take part.

Saint Francis Xavier, Oh pray for us! / Saint Francis Xavier, Oh pray for us!

Prayer to St. Francis Xavier (Novena Prayer)

O most lovable and loving St. Francis Xavier, in union with thee I adore the divine majesty. The remembrance of the favors with which God blessed thee during life and of thy glory after death fills me with joy, and I unite with thee in offering to Him my humble tribute of thanksgiving and of praise. I implore thee to secure for me, through thy powerful intercession, the ines-timable blessing of living and dying in the state of grace. I also beseech thee to obtain the favor I ask in this novena (*here make your petition*). But if what I ask is not for the glory of God and for the good of my soul, do thou obtain for me what is most conducive to both. Amen.

Our Father; Hail Mary; Glory Be.

Prayer of St. Francis for the Conversion of Heathens

O Eternal God, Creator of all things, remember that the souls of unbelievers, heretics, and sinners were made by Thee and fashioned to Thine own image. Behold, O Lord, how many of them go down into hell, to the dishonour of Thy Holy Name. Remember that Thy beloved Son Jesus hath suffered a most cruel death for their salvation. Suffer not, I beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Son to be any longer despised by unbelievers, heretics, and sinners; but graciously hear the prayers of holy men and of all the Church, the most holy Spouse of Thy Son. Remember Thy mercies and Thy compassions; remember no more their idolatry, their unbelief, their hardness of heart, nor their evil will; but give them grace at length to know, to fear, and to love Him whom Thou hast sent, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is our salvation, our life, and resurrection, though whom we are saved and made free, to whom be all glory for evermore. Amen.

Novena to St. Benedict

O Glorious St. Benedict, sublime model of all virtues, pure vessel of God's grace! Behold me, humbly kneeling at thy feet. I implore thy loving heart to pray for me before the throne of God. To thee I have recourse in all the dangers which daily surround me. Shield me against my enemies; inspire me to imitate thee in all things. May thy blessings be with me always so that I may shun whatever God forbids and avoid the occasions of sin.

Graciously obtain for me from God those favors and graces of which I stand so much in need in the trials, miseries, and afflictions of life. Thy heart was always so full of love, compassion, and mercy towards those who were afflicted or troubled in any way. Thou didst never dismiss without consolation and assistance anyone who had recourse to thee. I therefore invoke thy powerful intercession in the confident hope that thou wilt hear my prayers and obtain for me the special grace and favor I so earnestly implore *(here make your petition)*, if it be for the greater glory of God and the welfare of my soul.

Help me, O great St. Benedict, to live and die as a faithful child of God, to be ever submissive to His holy will, and to attain the eternal happiness of heaven.

Short Prayers

Indulgenced Ejaculations

Blessed be God! *(Ind. of 50 days. Pius X. Nov. 28, 1903)*

My God and my all. *(Ind. of 50 days. Leo XIII. May 4, 1888)*

Praised be Jesus Christ, now and forevermore. *(Ind. of 100 days. Clement XIII. Sept. 5, 1759)*

My Jesus, mercy! *(Ind. of 100 days. Pius IX. Sept. 24, 1846)*

Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, increase in us our faith, hope, and charity. *(Ind. of 300 days. Benedict XV. April 5, 1917)*

Eternal Father! I offer Thee the precious blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of Holy Church. *(Ind. of 100 days. Pius VII. September 22, 1817)*

May the most just, most high, and most adorable will of God be done in all things, praised and magnified forever. *(Ind. of 100 days, once a day. Pius VII. May 19, 1818)*

My Lord, grant that I may love Thee, and that the reward of my love may be to love Thee ever more and more. *(Ind. of 100 days, once a day. Leo XIII. March 15, 1890)*

Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things. *(Ind. of 50 days, each time. Pius IX. May 7, 1854)*

O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, have mercy on us. *(Ind. of 300 days. Pius X. May 20, 1911)*

Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. *(Ind. of 100 days, once a day. Leo XIII. Feb. 27, 1886)*

Saviour of the world, have mercy on us. *(Ind. of 50 days, once a day. Leo XIII. Feb. 21, 1891)*

Jesus and Mary. *(Ind. of 300 days. Pius X. Oct. 10, 1904)*

Jesus, Mary, Joseph. *(Ind. of 7 years and 7 quarantines. Pius X. June 8, 1906)*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us now and at the hour of our death. *(Ind. of 50 days, each time. Pius VII. July 2, 1816)*

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give thee my heart and my soul. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, may I breathe out my soul in peace with thee. *(Ind. of 300 days, each time. Pius VII. April 28, 1807)*

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation! *(Ind. of 300 days; plenary, under the usual conditions, if recited daily for one entire month. S. C. Indulg., Sept. 30, 1852)*

Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. *(Ind. of 300 days. Leo XIII. Sept. 10, 1878)*

My Mother, preserve me this day from mortal sin. *(Ind. 300 days. Benedict XV. Jan. 13, 1917)*

Mother of love, of sorrow, and of mercy, pray for us. *(Ind. of 300 days. S. C. Indulg., May 30, 1908)*

Holy Mary, deliver us from the pains of hell. *(Ind. of 300 days. Holy Office, Jan. 22, 1914; S. Ap. Pen., March 28, 1933)*

My Mother, my trust. *(Ind. of 300 days. Benedict XV. Jan. 3, 1917)*

Mary, Virgin Mother of God, pray to Jesus for me. *(Ind. of 300 days; plenary, under the usual conditions, if recited daily for one entire month. S. Ap. Pen., April 7, 1921, and March 28, 1933)*

In thy Conception, O Virgin Mary, thou wast immaculate; pray for us to the Father, whose Son Jesus Christ, conceived of the Holy Spirit, thou didst bring forth. *(Ind. of 300 days. S. C. Indulg., Nov. 21, 1793; S. Ap. Pen., April 24, 1933)*

To thee, O Virgin Mother, who wast never defiled with the slightest stain of original or actual sin, I commend and entrust the purity of my heart. *(Ind. of 300 days. S. C. Prop. of the Faith, Nov. 26, 1854; S. Ap. Pen., May 9, 1932)*

Mary, our hope, have pity on us. *(Ind. of 300 days. Pius X. Jan. 8, 1906)*

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. *(Ind. of 300 days; plenary, under usual conditions, if recited daily for one entire month. S. C. Indulg., March 15, 1884; S. Ap., Pen., April 15, 1932)*

As the hart panteth after the water-springs, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God. (Psalm 41:2) *(Ind. of 500 days)*

Come, O Lord, and tarry not. *(Ind. of 500 days)*

Other Prayers

The Veni Creator

Come, O Creator Spirit blest! / And in our souls take up Thy rest; / Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid, / To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Great Paraclete! To Thee we cry, / O highest gift of God most high! / O font of life! O fire of love! / And sweet anointing from above.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts art known, / The finger of God's hand we own; / The promise of the Father, Thou! / Who dost the tongue with power endow.

Kindle our senses from above, / And make our hearts o'erflow with love; / With patience firm and virtue high / The weakness of our flesh supply.

Far from us drive the foe we dread, / And grant us Thy true peace instead; / So shall we not, with Thee for guide, / Turn from the path of life aside.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow / The Father and the Son to know, / And Thee, through endless times confessed, / Of both, the eternal Spirit blest.

All glory while the ages run / Be to the Father and the Son / Who rose from death; the same to Thee, / O Holy Spirit, eternally. Amen.

Hail Christ, Our King

Most sweet Jesus! Come near to us, Thy children. Receive from our hands that crown which those who are but dust of earth try to seize from Thee. Enter now in triumph among us, Thy fervent followers! Hail, Christ our King!

Lawmakers may break the tables of Thy Law; but whilst they lose their thrones and are forgotten, we, Thy subjects, will continue to salute Thee! Hail, Christ our King!

They have said that Thy Gospel is out of date, that it hinders progress and must no longer be considered. They who say this soon disappear into obscurity and are forgotten, whilst we who adore Thee continue to salute Thee! Hail, Christ our King!

The proud, the worldly, those who possess unlawful riches, those who thirst for riches and honors and pleasures alone, declaring Thy moral law to be for past ages, will be hurled against the Rock of Calvary and Thy Church, and falling will be reduced to dust and sink into oblivion, whilst we, Thy followers, continue to salute Thee! Hail, Christ our King!

Yes, hail to Thee, O Christ our King! Put to flight Lucifer, the fallen angel of darkness, from our homes, schools, and society. Force him and his agents into hell. Chain him there everlastingly, whilst we, Thy friends, continue to salute Thee! Hail, Christ our King!

Seven Offerings of the Precious Blood

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for the propagation and exaltation of my dear Mother the Holy Church; for the safety and prosperity of her visible Head, the Holy Roman Pontiff;[7] for the cardinals, bishops, and pastors of souls; and for all the ministers of the sanctuary...[8]

> **Response:** Glory be to the Father, etc. Blessed and praised forevermore be Jesus, who hath saved us by His Precious Blood!

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for the conversion of the enemies of our holy Faith and for the happiness of all Christian people.
Response

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for the repentance of unbelievers, the extirpation of all heresies, and the conversion of sinners.
Response

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[7] When the Holy See is vacant, replace the words "her visible Head, the Holy Roman Pontiff" with "the Papacy."
[8] If, to your knowledge, there are no Cardinals or Catholic bishops or Catholic ministers, include these words "if there are any" after the words "pastors of souls" and again after the word "sanctuary."

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for all my relations, friends, and enemies; for the poor, the sick, and those in tribulation; and for all those for whom Thou willest I should pray or knowest that I ought to pray.
Response

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for all those who shall this day pass to another life that Thou mayest preserve them from the pains of hell and admit them the more readily to the possession of Thy glory.
Response

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for all those who are lovers of this treasure of His Blood, for all those who join with me in adoring and honoring It, and for all those who try to spread devotion to It.
Response

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the merits of the most Precious Blood of Jesus, Thy beloved Son and my Divine Redeemer, for all my wants, spiritual and temporal; for the Holy Souls in purgatory; and particularly for those who in their lifetime were most devoted to this price of our Redemption and the sorrows and pains of our dear Mother, Holy Mary.
Response

Blessed and praised be the most Precious Blood of Jesus, now and forever!

Prayer for Study

To Jesus: O merciful God, grant me the grace that I may eagerly desire all that is pleasing to Thee, examine it carefully, acknowledge it truthfully, and fulfill it perfectly, to the praise and glory of Thy Holy Name. Amen. O Lord, preserve to us the Faith. *(Indulgence of 300 days)*

To Mary: O dearest Mother, by thine Immaculate Conception, I wish to place all my studies under thy direction; and I declare that I chiefly study in order to spread greater glory to God and devotion to thee. Therefore I beseech thee, most loving Mother, Seat of Wisdom, to assist my work; and I promise to give the proper thanks for any success I obtain to thine intercession with God. Amen. Our Lady of Good Studies, pray for us. *(Indulgence of 100 days)*

Prayer to the Infant of Prague

Divine Infant, I adore Thy Cross. I wilt be pleased to accept all the crosses Thou wilt send me. Adorable Trinity, I offer Thee for the glory of the Holy Name of God the most Sacred Heart of the Holy Infant Jesus.

Three Our Father's: *one for St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus; one for the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus; one for the Holy Infant Jesus; and each followed by* "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us."

Then 12 Hail Mary's: *one for each year of Our Lord from His first year through His twelfth year, each followed as above by "And the Word…"*

Prayer of St. Augustine

(Made public by order of Pope Urban VII)

Before Thy eyes, O Lord, we bring our offences, and we compare them with the stripes we have received. If we consider the evil we have wrought, what we suffer is little, what we deserve is great. What we have committed is very grave, what we have suffered is very slight. We feel the punishment of sin, yet withdraw not from the obstinacy of sinning. Under Thy lash our inconstancy is visited, but our sinfulness is not changed. Our suffering soul is tormented, but our neck is not bent. Our life groans under sorrow, yet mends not in deed. If Thou spare us, we correct not our ways: if Thou punish, we cannot endure it. In time of correction we confess our wrongdoing: after Thy visitation we forget that we have wept. If Thou stretchest forth Thy hand, we promise amendment; if Thou withholdest the sword, we keep not our promise. If Thou strikest, we cry out for mercy; if Thou sparest, we again provoke Thee to strike. Here we are before Thee, O Lord, shameless criminals: we know that unless Thou pardon, we shall deservedly perish. Grant then, almighty Father, without our deserving it, the pardon we ask for, Thou who madest us out of nothing. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. Deal not with us, O Lord, according to our sins.
R. Neither requite us according to our iniquities.

LET US PRAY: O God, who by sin art offended and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of Thy suppliant people and turn away the scourges of Thy wrath, which we deserve for our sins. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola

Take, O Lord, into Thy hands my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I am and have, Thou hast given me; and I surrender them to Thee to be so disposed in accordance with Thy holy will. Give me Thy love and Thy grace, with these I am rich enough and

desire nothing more. *(Indulgence of 3 years; plenary indulgence once a month)*

Universal Prayer of Clement XI

For All Things Necessary to Salvation

O my God, I believe in Thee, but do Thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in Thee; do Thou secure them. I love Thee with my whole heart; teach me to love Thee daily more and more. I am sorry for having offended Thee; do Thou increase my sorrow.

I adore Thee as my first beginning; I aspire after Thee as my last end. I give Thee thanks as my constant benefactor; I call upon Thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by Thy wisdom, to restrain me by Thy justice, to comfort me by Thy mercy, to defend me by Thy power.

To Thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings, that henceforward I may think of Thee, speak of Thee, and willingly refer all my actions to Thy greater glory, and suffer willingly whatever Thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things Thy will may be done, because it is Thy will, and in the manner that Thou willest.

I beg of Thee to enlighten my understanding, to inflame my will, to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences, to overcome my temptations, to subdue my passions, and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affection for Thy goodness, a hatred for my faults, a love for my neighbor, and a contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, charitable to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and indulgent towards my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification, avarice by almsgiving, anger by meekness, and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings, courageous in dangers, patient in afflictions, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may ever be attentive in my prayers, temperate at my meals, diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure, my exterior modest, my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me that I may continually labour to overcome nature by corresponding to Thy grace, to keep Thy commandments, and to work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death, that I may fear Thy judgments, that I may escape hell, and in the end obtain heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Seeds and Soil for Rogation Days

A procession of children or adults (for example, officers of parish organizations), singing hymns, carry seeds and soil in small decorated baskets to be placed at the Communion railing for blessing. The farm and city people might bring soil from lawns, gardens, and fields, and seeds for gardens and fields. And as theycome to church, they place the same in containers at the front of the church.

After the procession recite the following prayers:

V. And other seeds fell upon good ground and yielded fruit: some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold.

R. Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it; Thou hast many ways enriched it. The river of God is filled with water, Thou hast prepared their food: for so is its preparation. Fill up plentifully the streams thereof, multiply its fruits; it shall spring up and rejoice in its showers. Thou shalt bless the crown of the year of Thy goodness: and Thy fields shall be filled with plenty. The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat: and the hills shall be girded about with joy, the rams of the flock are clothed, and the vales shall abound with corn: they shall shout, yea they shall sing a hymn. (Psalm 64:10-14)

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forever and ever. Amen.

V. And other seeds fell upon

good ground and yielded fruit: some a hundredfold, some sixtyfold, and some thirtyfold.

<u>Hymn to the Holy Spirit</u>

Come, Holy Spirit, Creator blest, / And in our hearts take up Thy rest. / Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid / To fill the hearts which Thou hast made, / To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Blessing of Seeds

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with thee.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray.

R. To Thee, O Lord, we cry and pray: Bless this sprouting seed, strengthen it in the gentle movement of soft winds, refresh it with the dew of heaven, and let it grow to full maturity for the good of body and soul. *(The seeds are then sprinkled with holy water.)*

Blessing of Soil

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who hath made heaven and earth.

V. The Lord be with thee.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Send forth Thy spirit and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

V. For the Lord will give goodness.

R. And our earth shall yield her fruit.

V. Let us pray.

R. We humbly beg Thy clemency, O Lord, that Thou wouldst render this soil fertile with rains in due season, that Thou wouldst fill it with Thy blessing, and so grant that Thy people may be ever thankful for Thy gifts. Take infertility from the earth, and fill the hungry with Thy gifts which the fruitful earth will yield in fullness, that the poor and needy may praise the name of Thy glory forever and ever. *(The soil is then sprinkled with holy water.)*